



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Notes

July 9th, 2024

1:00 –2:30 pm

Becker County Highway Department

Committee Members Present: Phil Hansen, Keith Zachariason, Jim Granger, Karen Mulari, Hank Ludke
John Okeson, David Meyer, Del Bergseth.

Absent: Howard Kluender

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Cody Piper, Steve Skoog

Guest: Nick Banks (TPL)

1. Toad Mountain Project, Master Plan RFP Review and Scoring:

The committee reviewed all 7 RFPs received. The committee scored SRF consulting firm the highest based off success with regional designation, price, and past work experience. Jim Granger made the motion to select SRF consulting as the primary RFP to recommend to the County Board, Hank Ludke seconded the motion, motion carried. The committee decided to select a secondary RFP or alternative, Jim Granger made a motion to select ISG consulting, Keith Zachariason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee discussed having an open house to show the public Toad Mountain Property and help explain the project, funding, master plan, etc. This project timeline has a very tight window, and the RAC committee should be engaged with the process and helping with public engagement events.

2. Dunton Locks:

Shelter Grant Update- RFP for shelter construction will be sent out late July. Hopes are the shelter will be installed no later than June 1, 2025.

Bike Path- Staff should get some price estimates to fog seal bike path stretch from the park to the bowling alley. Mitch will talk with hwy dept and local contractors to gather a price estimate.

Troll- Trolls are seeing 500-1000 people a day according to Project 412 since they been installed.

Wannigan Park – Hank Ludke provided an update on Wannigan Park, discussed grant funds received, possible Rx burn to control vegetation around the park and near the kayak launch.

Eagle Lake – Acquisition is being held up in the courts, plan is to turn over to Becker County to manage lake access and grounds maintenance of park in the future.

Heartland Trail- Trail scheduled to be constructed this fall? with a parking trailhead near Lions Park in Frazee. The Heartland Trail Committee has narrowed down a preferred travel route from Clay County to Detroit Lakes.

Chilton Park- Staff will begin trail and camping pad construction this fall, plan to start small and see how things get used.

Osage Beach – SWCD and DNR have yet to respond regarding projects at Osage, staff will update at next meeting progress made and proposed conceptual plan.

Parks and Rec Funding/Staffing- The committee recommended looking for funding to complete existing projects and future assistance from a planning and operational standpoint.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:32pm

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE – Tuesday, August 13th, 2024

2024 Meeting Dates (1-2:30)

~~7-9-2024~~

8-13-2024 –

Toad Mountain Open House AUGUST 9th

Toad Mountain Public Meeting August 14th 5:30-? (WOLF LAKE COMM. Center)

Toad Mountain Public Meeting August 15th 5-? (DETROIT LAKES, COURTHOUSE)

9-10-2024 10-8-2024 11-12-2024 12-10-2024.