



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting

November 12, 2024

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Becker County Courthouse, Boardroom

915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN

Committee Members Present: Howard Kluender, Keith Zachariason, Jim Granger, Karen Mulari, Hank Ludke (virtual), David Meyer, Del Bergseth, Phil Hansen, John Okeson

Absent:

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Cody Piper (virtual), Steve Skoog

Guest: None

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Open Forum – **None**
3. October 15th, 2024 – Meeting Notes Review and Approval – **Approved Zachariason, Kluender.**
4. Toad Mountain Status Update-

The county board opted out the county from considering acquiring the toad mountain property and pursuing a master plan on November 5th, 2024. This was mostly due to local township concerns and other local opposition.

5. Update on Current and Ongoing Projects –
 - a. Dunton Locks Updates-

Construction is moving along well, new shelter walls are up, electric, and plumbing roughed-in and inspections are complete. New water line has been installed. Planning to install several security cameras around and inside the shelter. Planning to install a water meter to get a better understanding of the water usage at the park to help size a future the septic system replacement.

Troll Signage –

Project 412 is putting up two large trailhead signs, one at Dunton locks park and one located at the parking are near Hwy 59 bike path. Winter trail signage is also going up to encourage winter troll visitors to walk on a woods path vs. on the bike path/snowmobile trail to avoid pedestrian collisions with snowmobilers.

Wannigan Park Update-

Some SMART funds have been earmarked for access road into the park, County Board visited during their annual highway road tour.

Heartland Trail Update –

Currently getting bid documents prepared to publish for the remaining path construction from the old county Hwy 10 bridge to the city of Frazee, under environmental reviews.

Woods N Wheels ATV GIA Application/Proposal-

Mitch is in the process of editing trail map and GIA application. The application and map will go under rigorous review from all DNR division directors and have a public comment period that is put on by the MN DNR if initially approved from DNR. Club to name the trail “Ice Cracking Trail”.

6. Other-

Mr. Hansen mention that there are some bridges potentially available at the old Putt-Putt Mini Golf location off State Hwy 59 south of DL. If they could serve any recreational purposes to let him know, they could be repurposed.

Mr. Hansen also mentioned that after the next December RAC meeting, he will be resigning from the RAC committee as a member at-large. The County board will need to appoint a new member at-large in 2025.

Forest Road Maintenance, Camp 5 and 6, Old Many Points, Mary Yellowhead Trail being worked on currently. 6-8 culvert replacements.

7. Adjournment – 1:50