



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting NOTES

January 12, 2026

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Becker County Courthouse- 3rd floor
915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN

Committee Members Present: Keith Zachariason, Commissioner Hansen, John Okeson, Howard Kluender, Karen Mulari, Jim Granger

Absent: Commissioner Jepson, Glenn Gifford, Del Bergseth

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog

Guest:

Meeting Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Open Forum – None
3. December 1, 2025 –Meeting Notes Review and Approval – **Approved Granger, Zachariason.**
4. Becker County Trail Alliance-
Trail Counter Meeting- 1-20-26, 10 am City Hall

Trail Branding Meeting- 1-6-26, 10 am City Hall – Branding Book in the making, soon to be complete and presented to the whole committee on 1-23-26. QR Code is also being discussed to help trail users locate trails and other amenities. It should be noted that OHV signage is different that this signage as it has different requirements. Zachariason mentioned t-post could be ordered locally from MetPack in Lake Park.

Funding Meeting- 1-14-26, 1 pm City Hall

Trail Alliance Meeting- 1-23-26 10 am City Hall

5. Dunton Locks Old VFW Shelter Renovations:

The Becker County Board of Commissioners approved renovations of the old shelter up to \$16,310, work will likely be completed this spring. Future parking lot expansion will likely occur in 2027-2028 when highway department begins work on County Road 19.

6. Heartland Trail –

Next Heartland trail committee meeting was postponed in December 2025. Next meeting should be in January-February 2026. Commissioner Hansen had a discussion with Dave Shotzko, Regional MN DNR Parks and Trails Supervisor in Bemidji recently to discuss recreational opportunities for Becker County. The Eagle Lake Public Access parcel was also a discussion point.

7. Wannigan Park-

Commissioner Hansen and John Okeson discussed a member of the city Council will be a member (or at least attend) the Frazee community development, corporation (FCDC) meetings.
Tree planting planned for this spring. Wannigan Park Committee has reached ~ 90% of their fundraising goal.**

8. City of DL – Park Board- **No update**

9. 2025 Accomplishments – **Attached Document**

10. 2026 Projects/Goals – **Attached Document**

11. Per Diems – handed out.

12. Other-

Osage Beach – Discussion was held around the ownership of the parcel. Staff are continuing to work on this. Small projects are scheduled to be completed in 2026, with possible assistance from the Lions Club.

13. Adjournment –2:38 PM

NEXT RAC MEETING IS February 9, 2026, Mitch will send calendar invite.