COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting NOTES

March 11, 2025
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Becker County Courthouse, Boardroom
915 Lake Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN

Committee Members Present: Keith Zachariason, Jim Granger, Commissioner Hansen, John Okeson, Howard Kluender
Absent: Commissioner Jepson (meeting conflict), Glenn Gifford, Steve Skoog, Karen Mulari (email not received)
Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Cody Piper
Guest: None

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Meeting Notes

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Open Forum **– None**
3. February 11th, 2025 –Meeting Notes Review and Approval – **Approved Okeson, Kluender.**
4. Update on Current and Ongoing Projects –
   a. Dunton Locks:
      New Shelter Update–
      Project is ahead of schedule, siding and roofing are installed drywall and interior paneling installed. Masonry work is being finished up. Plumbing and Accessories are installed. New shelter is set to be finished June 1, 2025. About 80% completed to date. Staff are taking reservations for the new shelter now. The committee discussed having a grand opening event to promote to the public, this will be discussed later if decided.
   b. Picnic Tables**- Some of the Committee members offered to do some fundraising to help offset the cost of 8 new picnic tables for the new shelter. Committee members will report back to Mitch if donations are received.**
   c. Old Shelter Update**- Staff have begun removing paneling, plumbing and other fixtures out of the old shelter. Once these items are removed and the north end of the shelter is gutted staff will consult with the general contractor to discuss options for renovating and preserving the shelter if feasible. County Commissioners are scheduled to visit Dunton Locks in April 2025 to decide the next steps of old shelter.**

d. Parking expansion Dunton Locks Park and Dunton Locks Rd/HWY 59- **Lakeview Twp has no issues with expanding the parking area inside the Twp road right way. Staff will consult with the township and the county engineer will come up with a cost proposal and plan.**

5. Heartland Trail Update –
   The County Administrator and Commissioners introduced a memo to local legislators to re-appropriate approximately $545,000 from 2023 Bonding Bill. This would allow the money to be spent on other construction and design costs elsewhere in Becker County.
6. Trail Routing Study-
   An RFP to have a routing/feasibility study done for possible connections to the future Heartland state trail or spurs has been prepared. Partnership4Health is willing to contribute $15,000 towards the routing study. This will be reviewed at the County Board level. Staff will update the committee on the status of this at the next committee meeting.
7. DMRA/Mt. View Master Plan Update-
   The committee briefly discussed the updated master plan and goals and objectives.

8. MPCA Climate Grant- **Not funded**

9. Wannigan Park Update- **Next Meeting will be held April 22 at 1:30, virtually. City of Frazee has a job posting for a Part Time Park Manager (attached job description)**
https://frazeecity.com/process.php?option=com_content&id=13

10. Eagle Lake Parcel- **Parcel has been sold by City of Frazee or is in the process of being sold now. Commissioner Hansen will have more discussion with the full county board at the next meeting.**

11. Per Diems- **Mitch will get more clarification on Per Diems, they will likely be sent out quarterly to committee members.**

Other-

Woods and Wheels GIA Application **– Still work in progress, trying to get a landowner agreement to connect proposed trail system to Forest Riders Trail System.**

12. Adjournment –2:11 PM

NEXT RAC MEETING IS APRIL 8th or TBD

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