COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting- NOTES

Monday July 13, 2026
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Becker County HIGHWAY DEPT.
1771 North Tower Road, Detroit Lakes MN

Attendees: Commissioner Hansen, Karen Mulari, Keith Zachiarson, Jim Granger, Del Bergseth, Howard Kluender, Glenn Gifford, Mitch Lundeen.

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Open Forum – None

3. June 8, 2026 – Field Trip/Meeting Notes Review and Approval
   Zachiarson made a motion to approve, Bergseth seconded.

4. BC Regional Trail Alliance –
   Recently placed order for 157 signs, 50 decals, and 250 window clings based off the request from BCTA members. The new BCTA webpage has been launched and is under review. Committee members were tasked with reviewing the trail directory webpage for inaccuracies in information or broken web links.
   https://www.beckercountymn.gov/dept/parks_recreation/trails.aspx

5. Essentia Health Partnership Funds –**Becker County was awarded $5,000 from Essentia for active living and health related projects/purchases. In 2026 we used the funds to purchase bike racks and benches for communities within Becker Co, some of the remaining funds will be used to offset the cost of BCTA signs and posts. Possibility of being awarded $5,000 again in 2027.**

6. Heartland Trail **– HTC voted on two main proposed routes from Dunton Locks using East Pearl Lake Dr and/or Hwy 59/17 South Melissa Dr. The HTC votes came in higher for the 59/17 route vs. E pearl. Maps attached.**

7. Wannigan Park – **Planted over 7,000 trees in the park recently, Park shelter is installed, trying to raise 2.4 million dollars. Progress Party, July 28th 5-7 PM, RSVP by July 20.**

8. City of DL Park Board- **Old pavilion is torn down, new one going up. Ballpark renovation is moving forward.**

9. Bucks Mill – **July 16th 11-4 celebration event, free shuttles.**

10. Little Sugarbush Park**- Dock is in the lake and an area was brushed near the lake thanks to WEDNR. Boulders arrived and were placed, thanks to Karen Mulari. This week staff will be prepping the beach and placing a sand blanket down for swimming beach, Permit in hand ☺. See pictures.**

Kluender showed the committee a possible option to build a roof over the existing basement with some rough costs when the cabin is removed later this summer. Commissioner Hansen will talk about Little Sugarbush projects under committee reports at the next board meeting. Mitch will also talk with WEDNR about options for shelter replacement.

The committee asked if the revenue from the sale of the cabin ($15,000) can be put back into the park for improvements. Fairly sure it could be, mitch will double check.

11. Per Diem Requests – 30 days.
    Per diems were handed out.

12. Other

-Hank Ludke Park Rededication Event 7-27-26 7PM (Riverside Park)
-Granger has been doing some dive and rescue cleanup and recovery on Big Floyd Lake.
-Eagle Lake – DNR plans to find some acquisition funds to purchase the Eagle Lake Parcel and co-manage with Becker County. Very early in the process at this point, will provide update at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR August 10th 1-2:30.

13. Adjournment- 2:15 PM