COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting

Monday October 5, 2026
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Becker County HIGHWAY DEPT.
1771 North Tower Road, Detroit Lakes MN

Attendees: Commissioners Hansen and Meyer, Keith Zachiarason, Howard Kluender, Jim Granger, Steve Skoog, Mitch Lundeen, Sarah Hoffman, Chris Rosenberg, Jim Olson.

AGENDA/**Notes**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Open Forum –
3. August 31, 2026 –Meeting Notes Review and Approval
   Mitch made some minor corrections to the committee notes. Kluender made a motion to approve, and Zachiarason seconded.

4. Heartland Trail – Update (County Engineer, Jim Olson)

Jim Olson provided a brief update on getting the trail segment from DL to Frazee into ADA compliance, Jim will be visiting onsite with the MNDNR, Engineering Firm, and Contractor to discuss the next steps soon.

The Heartland Trail Committee is still reviewing proposed routes; Commissioner Hansen and Steve Skoog recently drove the proposed routes with Jay Carlson. The north route is approximately 12.6 miles, and the south route is approximately 15.4 miles.

Jim Granger made a motion on behalf of the RAC to recommend going with the south route to Bucks Mill, Keith Zachiarason seconded the motion.

5. Recreation Rentals - RentFun, Chris Rosenberg (virtual presentation)

   RentFun provides self-service rentals with technology. A presentation was provided to the committee. The city of DL park board is also receiving a presentation on October 7th, 2026. Mitch will discuss options and see if RentFun is willing to negotiate services and costs and report back to the RAC at the next meeting. If members would like to review the presentation, they can reach out to Mitch.

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6. BC Regional Trail Alliance –Update

Hoffman provided a list of contacts who are involved with the Trail Alliance. The trail counters production is being prolonged. The trail alliance QR codes that lead to Becker County Trail Directory website will be added to the City of DL's new signs at parks.

7. Dunton Locks Park-

Staff started removing buckthorn at the park. Working on getting quotes for update the septic system. The new shelter has been rented 36 times so far in 2026.

8. Wannigan Park – Update

No update

9. City of DL Park Board- Discussion/Update

Park Board meeting is October 7th at 4PM. Discussing plans for new pavilion, trail maps, and RentFun presentation.

10. Bucks Mill –

Porta potty has been removed for the season. Bench in honor of Tera Guetter placed onsite. Tree replacement planned for 2027. RAC recommends holding off on installing a small shelter for now, if there is a need in the future then it will be revisited.

11. Little Sugarbush Park-

¾ mile walking trail has been established by NRM/Parks staff. Staff will also be layering the trail with wood chips in the coming weeks. The basement has not been filled in yet but will be done in the coming weeks, it is fenced off, however. Staff will work with Environmental Services Staff o remove the concrete from basement and fill in the foundation.

Need to discuss rules at this park (no hunting/non-motorized areas) Refer to Parks and Rec Ordinance. The committee recommended naming the park "Little Sugarbush Park". Staff will discuss this with Highway Dept and work to get some signage up on Co Hwy 34.

12. Per Diem Requests – Handed out.

13. Other

Consider putting a survey or recreational needs assessment on the website.

14. Adjournment- 2:50

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