

RENVILLE COUNTY PARK BOARD PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 18, 2024

RENVILLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Board convened at 10:30 a.m. Present: Park Board Commissioners Tom Witteman, Mitch Heisler, Jamee Hansen, Robert Marmon and Andy Gates. Also present: Mechell Holien, Danny Schlosser, Todd Schoenberg and County Auditor LeAnn Pollman.

Moved by Comm. Marmon, second by Comm. Heisler to approve the minutes from March 21, 2024. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

The County has purchased "volunteer coverage" through Workforce Safety. The cost is \$250.00 and will cover up to 25 people.

Tom Pabian repaired the kiosk by the gazebo.

The Board asked Mechell if she would like a separate cell phone for Park business. She said she is satisfied with her personal phone and is also using the land line in the caretaker's office. The land line has an answering machine on it so she can return calls. She does not want to carry two cell phones.

The Board discussed the request for a designated swimming area/beach at the Park. Moved by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Gates to reject the request for a designated swimming area/beach at the Park. They felt it was not cost effective and could have liability issues. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

The Board discussed the removal of the trees in the center of the Bar parking lot. Mechell stated that a tree removal service would be coming to the Park this week to remove a tree in the new camping area.

Discussion was held concerning the amount of personal property being left on County owned camping lots. Tom and Darrell Iverson will get together and work out a policy. The policy will then be presented to the Board.

Chairman Tom Witteman stated that SRT may be going to put fiber in at the Park for internet connections.

An air conditioning unit in the Bar has failed. The estimate from AAA Heating & Sheet Metal is: \$6,650.00 for a 5 ton a/c unit with new indoor coil-installed; or a 5 ton heat pump with a new indoor coil-installed for \$8,000.00. Moved by Comm. Gates, second by Comm. Heisler to purchase the a/c unit for \$6,650.00. Auditor Pollman will apply for gaming funds from Kenmare Vet's Gaming to help with the cost. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

The Park has received the donation of \$100,000.00 from the George Davidson Trust. A thank you will be sent. A pickle ball court was suggested. The Auditor's office will do some research.

Moved by Comm. Marmon, second by Comm. Gates to open the bids for the sale of two lawnmowers. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Bids received for the ExMark:

\$1,500.00 from Roger Yale
\$2,000.00 from Kenyon Evanger
\$ 779.00 from Todd Schoenberg
\$ 660.00 from Jeff Iverson
\$ 300.00 from LaVonne Erickson

Todd Schoenberg verbally raised his bid to \$2,100.00. Moved by Comm. Marmon, second by Comm. Hansen to accept the bid from Todd Schoenberg in the amount of \$2,100.00 Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

Bids received for the Grasshopper:

\$ 375.00 from Jeff Iverson

Moved by Comm. Marmon, second by Comm. Heisler to accept the bid from Jeff Iverson in the amount of \$375.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote of aye.

The Board discussed the 2025 budget.

Mechell stated there is a leak in the ceiling in the C-store. She will look into that today.

The Board discussed the possessory interest for taxation of the bar. Since it is open year round and leased out the building should be taxed. The Tax Director will do the necessary assessing of the building.

The County pickup that Mechell is using needs some repairs. She will get it into the shop in the next week or so.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Thomas L. Witteman, Park Board Chairman


LeAnn M. Pollman, Renville County Auditor

