

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAMOURE COUNTY PARK BOARD- February 1, 2022

The LaMoure County Park Board met Tuesday, February 1, 2022, with Chairman Lee Miller, board members Bob Flath, Jason Weigel, Bruce Klein, Billi Warcken, and Curwood Seefeldt, State's Attorney James Shockman, and Auditor Jan Hamlin, at the courthouse. Attending by teleconference were board member Sonya Albertson, DES/911 Coordinator Kimberly Robbins and Patty Wood Bartle with the Edgeley Mail. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 9:39 a.m.

Chairman Miller started the meeting with advertising for summer help. Kevin Shockman did tell Chair Miller that everyone from last season will be returning.

Jason Weigel went over different options for the bathhouse. The problem with building new would be the septic system. After much discussion, a majority of the board would like to remodel instead of build new. The current committee working on this project, Jason Weigel, Billi Warcken, and Sonya Albertson, will come up with a floorplan for the remodel and get quotes. They will look for possible grants for the project as well.

Doyle Edwards with Direct Electric attended the meeting to discuss the electrical issues at the park. The park keeps growing and bigger campers keep coming so we have to change with the times. Doyle talked with Grant Baker from Ottertail and he will check and see if it's possible to bring an overhead line in and a transformer on the south side of the bathhouse. This would allow Direct Electric to double up the amp meter panels on the north and south side of the park. A preliminary estimate was \$9,000 from Direct Electric. Ottertail would like to get into the park to evaluate the best options. The best time to get the work done for this project is April 10 to Memorial Day. Jason Weigel and Josh Loegering will work together and get the park open for the contractors if needed. The board asked Doyle to send their estimate once they know what Ottertail will do. Doyle also talked about the museum annex building. This building has a problem of the fan's circulation hot air. It gets very hot and the board should think about what to do in there.

There have been requests to hold church service and other events in the auditorium. The stage needs work but nothing major. The current fee is \$150 with \$50 deposit which is refundable. Some board members believe that is a little high.

The zip line was not installed last year. Billi Warcken said that one of the campers is a contractor and is willing to install it. She will work with that individual to get it set up this year.

Bob Flath made a motion to set the auditorium fee at \$75 per day with no deposit and keep the other fees the same as last year, seconded by Bruce Klein. All voting aye, motion carried. The following fees were set for the 2022 season: \$25 per night-camper, \$15 per night-tent, \$800-seasonal to be paid in advance and no prorating the fee, \$75-kitchen, \$75-cabins, \$75-house, \$25-canteen, and \$75-auditorium.

Bruce Klein said that Kevin Shockman will return as park manager and hinted strongly this year would be his last year. Some things to start thinking about would be if the board should advertise and bring someone in for training. Other discussion was to check into the duties in the job description and have Kevin create a manual on what duties he does; what he does to set up for the season, what needs to be done each month, what needs to be done at the end of the season, etc. Another topic was to add an online reservation system. This would eliminate a lot of the work for the park manger. Lee Miller and Billi Warcken will research various systems.

Bruce Klein brought up the FEMA storm shelter. There was a hand out with different building styles. We are still approved for our grant. The county share would be 15%. The cost to build one is around \$100,000 but could be higher due to price increases. It would have to be built above the flood plain. The construction would have to be completed by December 2023 with a possible extension to 2024. A decision needs to be made by 2023. The board could also fund the whole project and the location of the shelter could be where ever the board decides.

Curwood Seefeldt reported on the house rental last fall to winter. He said it brought in \$1,500 for the house and \$580 in camping fees. The renter will pay the \$334.40 heating fuel. The party loved the house and it worked out well for them. They would like the board to consider renting to them again this fall. Sonya Albertson said she did a walk though of the house after they left and everything looked good. It was clean and in order.

There being no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

LEE MILLER, Chairman

ATTEST:

JAN HAMLIN, County Auditor