



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Minutes

Feb. 27th, 2020

County Board Room

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari, Ben Grimsley, Hank Ludtke, Larry Knutson, Lyn Hartness, Lonnie Neuner

Staff Present: Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Lin Peterson, Dan Josephson, Patrick Hollister

1. Chair Welcome & Introductions - Mulari
2. February Meeting Minutes: Review/Approval
 - M. by Ludtke to approve Mtg. Minutes; 2nd by Neuner, motion carried
3. Agenda: Review/Approval by Consensus
4. Master Trail Plan – Jim Olson provided information on slated improvement to Co. Rd. 29 in conjunction with the Master Trail Plan; road project will include paved shoulders of approx. 4' as applicable (from Hwy 34 to Hanson Lake Rd.). Old 225 to Ponsford will have a 4' shoulder with the 2nd half of the project completed this year. Suggested yearly review with RAC on outreach to bike groups for inclusion.
5. Heartland Trail/Trail Link: last week land owner accepted temporary easement going east on Heartland Trail. Bonding efforts proceeding; Sen. Eken introduced legislation today to request bonding for the Heartland Trail.
6. Lin Peterson X-C skiing: Nordic Ski Club has an address (DMRA), Fed Tx ID#, Liability Insurance and 100 people are on the membership list. 2 recent events: Tamarack Refuge Ski Day (35 people) and Candlelight Ski Night (150 people in the attendance). Looking to purchase own grooming equipment eventually. Anticipate a need for an annual budget of \$15K (1/3 dues, 1/3 County, 1/3 Fundraising), but acknowledges that the majority of it will likely come from fundraising. Shared grooming costs for this past year and it came in around \$5K – was asking the County to participate annually by providing 5K to the Nordic Ski Club. Ludtke made a motion recommend to NRM to support \$5,000 for the Detroit Lakes Area Nordic Ski Club.
7. Dunton Locks – Dry Dock Project permits (Historic Preservation office signed off on the 106 review and the Army Corp per review ok'd the permit. Ideally we could begin the project by mid May.
8. Wannigan Regional Park – monthly meetings to discuss the public process for developing the park master plan; representative from NDSU was in attendance (they have a contract with the NPS to provide design assistance) to discuss next steps and will develop a scope of services from which the group can review and discuss. Potential to request planning grant from WCI for help in developing the master plan. NRM and Soil and Water staff will do site assessment this spring which would be included as part of the master plan development.
9. RAC vacancies: District 2 and a Member at Large position. Lynn Hartness (Osage) is the other MAL.
10. Open Forum/Other Issues: 2020 Meeting schedule discussed every other month- 1st Thursday of the Month. Next meeting on April 2nd.
11. Meeting Adjourned.