Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Park Board – April 9, 2024

At 8:15 a.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Park Board to order. Mark Klose, Joan Morris, Chad Wolsky, Jerry Bergquist, Henry Steinberger were all present. Levi Taylor and Merri Mooridian were present via phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Henry Steinberger, Park Board Member, presented the Water Trail Grant application. Steinberger identified where trailheads will be located and what maintenance needs to be done before kayak lifts are installed. Bergquist stated that his main concern is that it is already anticipated to use $20,000 more in than what the grant would award. Morris is concerned that the additional $20,000 has the potential of no outside sources contributing and does not want the taxpayers to be responsible. Steinberger would be responsible for the fundraising of the $20,000. Klose questioned whether the project could be downsized once it is started, Steinberger stated that there is a way out for the park board through an interview if the county is not able to fully fund the process. Mooridian questioned whether the county would still receive the full $250,000 if the projects were scaled back. Steinberger clarified that this application would have the ability to be spread out over the years. Steinberger suggested adding language to prioritize certain projects/lifts. Klose stated he has hesitations based on the engineering costs. Bergquist stated that the changing elevations at the reservoir make this project unique in the sense that they cannot build below the spillway. Mooridian questioned whether they could change location of the lifts as the project progressed, if needed. Brian Amundson, Stutsman County Resident stated that a policy, process, and procedure plan with priorities would be helpful going forward in applying for this grant and others. Bergquist stated that Stutsman County does in fact have a Master Plan, but it was last updated in 2004. Bergquist requested putting a revision of the Master Plan on the April 16, 2024 Park Board Meeting agenda. Bergquist made a motion to submit the application for the Water Trail Grant, seconded by Steinberger. Morris would like to see the fundraising efforts upon approval of the application. Roll call vote: Bergquist, Wolsky, Morris, Taylor, Klose, Steinberger, and Mooridian voted aye. Motion carried.

At 9:12 a.m., Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bergquist. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Jessica Alonge	Mark T. Klose
Auditor/COO	Commission Chairman