

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MCKENZIE COUNTY PARK BOARD
MCKENZIE COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA**

February 7, 2023

The McKenzie County Park Board met at the Courthouse at Watford City, North Dakota, on February 7, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. for a Park Board meeting with the following members present: Jeremy Heen, Howdy Lawlar, Kathy Skarda, Craig Hystad, Joel Brown, Clint Wold, and Secretary Erica Johnsrud. Also present was State's Attorney Ty Skarda. Absent: Park Board member Terry Moe. Chairman Heen presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Moved by Skarda, seconded by Brown, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2022, and July 11, 2022, meetings. All voting aye, motion carried.

Johnsrud presented the year to date financial report. Moved by Brown, seconded by Hystad, to approve the Financial Report as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

The 2023 Tobacco Gardens Annual Plan was presented by Peggy Hellandsaas. Hellandsaas updated the Board on the 2022 season. Discussion was held on work needed for the road to the low water ramp, a request to improve the campground existing roads without disturbing the ground, electrical line to the garage area, and release of bids to remove and rebuild the existing bathroom/bathhouse structure.

Moved by Lawlar, seconded by Skarda, to approve the release of a bid for the bathroom/bathhouse project as requested. All voting aye, motion carried. The Board discussed submitting the project to the Garrison Diversion Grant program and asked Johnsrud to prepare and submit the application.

Moved by Lawlar, seconded by Skarda, to approve the 2023 Annual Plan for Tobacco Gardens as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Dredging of Tobacco Gardens was also discussed. Hellandsaas reported the Corps of Engineers was waiting for one final signature on the application prior to final approval.

Moved by Lawlar, seconded by Hystad, to renew the lease with the Corps of Engineers for Tobacco Gardens for a term of 25 years. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Skarda, seconded by Wold, to renew the Seasonal Camping Program at Tobacco Gardens for 10 years with a consideration of \$1. All voting aye, motion carried.

With no other business before the McKenzie County Park Board, Hystad moved and Wold seconded to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.

Attest: _____
Erica Johnsrud, Secretary

Jeremy Heen, Chairman