

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

October 1, 2024

The McKenzie County Park Board met at the Courthouse at Watford City, North Dakota, on June, 2024, at 10:02 a.m. for a Park Board meeting with the following members present: Jeremy Heen, Terry Moe, Howdy Lawlar, Kathy Skarda, Craig Hystad, Joel Brown, Clint Wold, and Secretary Erica Johnsrud. Also present was State's Attorney Ty Skarda. Chair Heen presided and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

The 2025 Annual Plan for Tobacco Gardens Recreation Area was presented by Concessionaire Hellandsaas. Hellandsaas reported it is unclear what the 2025 lake level will be at this time. Hellandsaas reported a small increase in camping fees for 2025 to cover the additional costs of rural water. Hellandsaas also discussed a fence around the drainage field, speed bumps in the campground, and fire rings. The Board asked Hellandsaas to reach out to steel companies for the fire ring materials and to discuss whether or not the high school welding class would be able to build the rings.

Hellandsaas presented two bids for hydroseeding the campground areas, which was recommended by the Corps of Engineers. The Board expressed concern about the grass taking off due to low precipitation and no irrigation. Hystad stated the dredging and riprap project would be his first priority and then work on the grass after that. Board discussion was to discuss the seeding at a later time, after the dredging project was complete, which may provide some topsoil that could be used.

Hellandsaas also requested gravel on the roads in the campground, but was unsure the quantity that would be needed. Board consensus was for Hellandsaas to work with County Road Superintendent Northrop in the spring when he is out in the area doing gravel work for Twin Valley Township.

Moved by Lawlar, seconded by Skarda, to approve the installation of the wooden fence around the drain field. All voting aye, motion carried.

Moved by Skarda, seconded by Wold, to approve the 2025 annual plan for Tobacco Gardens as amended. Hellandsaas will amend the plan and submit to Board Secretary Johnsrud. All voting aye, motion carried.

With no other business before the McKenzie County Park Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting of the McKenzie County Park Board will be November 19, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erica Johnsrud, Secretary

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Jeremy Heen, Chairman