

Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation

MINUTES

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: January 6, 2020

Members of the Board in attendance:

Jim Buechle, Clyde Fisher, Pete Woll, Lori Moran

Members of the Board not in attendance:

Jessica Treweek

Also in attendance:

Gordon Jewett, Assistant Superintendent; Haily Hoff, Clerk

Others Present:

Pam Holmquist – Flathead County Commissioner

Gabe Dillon – Foy's to Blacktail Trails

Amanda Davey – Flathead County Recreational Program Manager

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation was held in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana, on January 6, 2020. The meeting convened at 8:31 AM, President Woll presiding.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the December 16, 2019, meeting of the Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation Board of Directors were distributed to the members of the Board. It was noted that Jed Fisher is out of town today finalizing his daughter's military entry and Jessica Treweek is caring for sick children.

Jim Buechle moved to approve the December 16, 2019 Board minutes.

Clyde Fisher seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor – the motion was carried.

Public Comment

Commissioner Holmquist dropped by to thank the board and staff for their services and asked that they keep up the good work.

Foys to Blacktail Trails RTP grant request

Gordon Jewett stated that he and Jed had met previously with Gabe Dillon and Dave Landstrom regarding sections of the Foys to Blacktail Trail system that need maintenance work. Foys to Blacktail Trails is in the process of applying for a Recreational Trails Grant through the Montana State Parks Department to aid in funding this project. Whitney Achenwald has reviewed the application and noted her comments and suggestions. Mr. Dillon made the suggested changes and the grant application was sent to the board members for their review.

Gabe mentioned that the figures from Forestoration came in a bit lower than expected. Foys to Blacktail Trails is administering the grant and bidding out the work. The majority of work will be done with a mini-excavator. Flathead County staff could aid in operation or referrals. Gabe also mentioned that hand cycling is becoming more popular and maintaining these trails will allow for that type use. Dream Adaptive may have potential as a local, non-profit partner.

President Woll questioned insurance and awareness when other parties submit grants to have work performed on Flathead County property. Commissioner Holmquist added that checks and balances are in place and that legal should review it to ensure that all policies and procedures are adhered to. Mr. Woll also questioned the timing of work and the possibility of a wet fall. Mr. Dillon stated that the work can be postponed if necessary. Fire and rain are unpredictable elements that could potentially push the project to the following spring. Recreational Trail Project grant funding has to be spent within three years of the award. The project itself is expected to last approximately ten days. The role of Foys to Blacktail Trails during that time will be to observe and report out on the work.

Lori Moran moved to advance the RTP Herron Park trail maintenance project grant.

Jim Buechle seconded the motion.

Discussion was held regarding timing. Gordie stated that he and Jed will be in contact with Gabe to move forward.

All in favor – the motion was carried.

Parks & Recreation Department Report

Amanda Davey will have a winter report for the board at the February meeting. Gordon Jewett stated that the Martin City septic issue has been resolved. Final finish work will be completed in the spring. Plowing has been minimal thus far. Boat launches are being kept clear for ice fishing access. Hazard tree removal and other projects are ongoing as the weather allows. No calls have been received about down or dangerous trees after the last wind storm.

Weed Department Report

Surplus items are being documented and will be submitted to the Finance Department for approval. Bids will be gathered for a replacement truck that is in the Weed's CIP budget for purchase this fiscal year. Annual training will be held in Great Falls next week.

Other Business

A signed copy of the chemical contract price sheet from 2019 could not be located. Maria Albertson in the Commissioners office requested the document.

Jim Buechle moved for Pete Woll to sign the 2019 chemical contract price sheet.

Lori Moran seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor – the motion was carried.

Matters of the Board

There were no matters of the board

Adjourn

Jim Buechle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07AM.

Lori Moran seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor – the motion was carried.

Documents Submitted to the Board

FWP RTP Herron Park trail maintenance project grant application and Environmental Analysis form

Approved:



Pete Woll, Board President

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Date