

O'BRIEN COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

The O'Brien County Conservation Board meet in regular session at the Prairie Heritage Center August 10, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were: Tom Knoz, Kathy Luedke, Greg Burmakow and Jack Wallinga. Absent: Dan Verrips

15 visitors from the community were present.

The minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Burmakow, seconded by Luedke.

Monthly expenditures were approved as presented on a motion by Wallinga, seconded by Burmakow. Motion carried, unanimous.

Douma Park Property update was presented by Travis Scott with the land moving forward to be appraised by Vander Werff & Associates. Time frame was determined that an appraisal would be completed by the 15th of September.

ATV/UTV rule direction was undecided upon and signs will be ordered and will be posted.

Discussion of vehicle purchase was presented with a 2023 Jeep Compass and Ram Tradesman 1500. The trade would be for the green dodge caravan and the oldest truck. Prices for the new vehicles were not yet available at the time of the meeting. Discussion was held about the size of the truck engine and what it would be able to pull. Burmakow presented that a price for a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton be included in the quotes as it would offer more option for towing.

Discussion of camping rates was to raise the fees \$5 at each park for camping and increase to \$15 at Tjossem. Seasonal rates were discussed to increase the rate to \$2400 for the season. Seasonal spots are also open to monthly rates which a proposed rate was \$525. Cabin and bin rates increase to one rate no matter the day of the week. Dog creek and Mill creek 6 person to \$45, Bins to \$150 and 12 person to \$120. Rates will be revisited at another meeting as the online reservations will add fees for transactions and processing.

Discussion of check in and check out times. Motion was made to change the check-out time to 11am and check in time to 2pm by Burmakow, seconded by Luedke. Motion carried, unanimous.

Rural Enrichment Grant program aims to support small quality of life projects in rural communities. Grant funding would be used for the Dog Creek playground south side area. Motion made to apply for the grant by Luedke, seconded by Wallinga. Motion carried, unanimous.

Directors Operation Report by Travis Scott covered the upcoming Bison Burger event, Range night at Crosby, New logo design for signs, posts and trucks/vehicles. Douma concrete, aquarium, experience trail signs all finished. No quarters in the showers are working well.

Adjourn at 8:12 pm on a motion by Burmakow, seconded by Luedke.
