

MEEKER COUNTY PARK BOARD COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Present: Braden Piram, Lorlane 'Butch' Schmeling, Donald Konietzko, Paul Fank, Kim Ertl, and Bob Pederson

Guests: Adam Haman

Absent: Roger Ekert

Butch Schmeling called the meeting to order at 8:58 a.m.

A motion was made by Bob Pederson to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 meeting, seconded by Don Konietzko. Motion carried.

An addition of a campground reservation update was made to the agenda.

1. Thompson Park archery range request presentation - Adam Haman

- a. Adam Haman prepared information about a proposed archery range to be located at Spring Lake Park.
 - i. The range would include a backstop for people to shoot at.
 - ii. It would be the expectation that people using the range would bring their own targets.
 - iii. He included extra posts in his estimate to account for building a partial enclosure due to the nearby disc golf course.
 - iv. Option #1 location is in a section currently not being utilized with shooters aiming toward the lake.
 - v. Option #2 location is near the shelter closest to the lake.
 - vi. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$472.66 without labor.
 - vii. There are additional insurance requirements.
 - viii. Adam did not have a gauge of interest in the community outside of himself.
- b. Brady noted that due to state statutes requiring setbacks for safety, the project would not be feasible in this park, especially with the current disc golf course.

2. General park update

- a. Resurfacing on the 60' roll-in dock at Thompson Park.
- b. Trail work.
- c. Wood cutting for the campground.
- d. Shoreline work, especially at West Ripley Park from over-winter ice damage.
- e. Rockwork for the new dock at Manuella will begin in the next week or two.

3. Koronis boat landing update

- a. Brady is still waiting on the sample contract.
- b. At this time, there are no matching funds being requested as the DNR has funds to cover the entire project.
- c. It is still unknown who's responsible for ongoing maintenance outside of general maintenance such as mowing.
- d. Construction is slated to begin in August 2025.

4. Manuella boat landing update

- a. The DNR plans to rebuild the landing.

- b. There are property line issues that involve the second or exit driveway that the park currently uses for parkgoers to exit the swim beach area. The state owns the property and the parks department has an easement for use.
- c. The DNR wants to expand the current boat landing parking area.
- d. The current proposed solution involved moving the existing second driveway one driveway width to the south and have a shared driveway.

5. Campground host position

- a. The position is currently being advertised. It is a paid position (minimum wage) with a full-service camping site.
- b. The co-host is returning and this is also now a paid position (minimum wage).

6. Campground reservation update

- a. The campground reservations opened up on Monday with a total revenue of \$38,441.22 by the end of the day.

Don Konietzko proposed meeting in one of the parks for our May meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m. by Don Konietzko, seconded by Bob Pederson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Braden Piram, Meeker County Parks Manager