

Mandan Park District
Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2021

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Monday, June 14, 2021, at City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW in the Bosch Froelich room.

Attendees:

Park Commissioners: President Wade Meschke, VP Jason Arenz, Commissioners Chad Hatzenbuhler, Miles Mehlhoff and Jen Froehlich.

Park District Staff present: Cole Higlin, Dustin Fleck, and Teri Welch

Legal Council: Arlen Ruff

President Meschke called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30pm, CDT.

Public Communication: No one appeared.

Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Arenz and seconded by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler to approve the July 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Motion passes 5-0.

Item #1: Mike Manstrum from Colliers Securities LLC presented the refinancing of the 2016 Raging Rivers Revenue Bond. The refinance is reducing the term from six years to four years with a net interest cost of 1.14% with a cash savings of \$39,000. The annual obligation will increase our payment to \$250,000 from our current payment of \$175,000. Currently we have \$500,000 in our cash reserves that can absorb any unforeseen shortfalls if operations can not support the new payment. Commissioner Arenz stated that Director Higlin and I had a conference call with Mr. Manstrum and feels comfortable with the proposal. Motion by Commissioner Arenz to approve the refinancing of the Raging Rivers Revenue Bonding the amount of \$995,000 for a four year term with annual payment estimated at \$250,000. Seconded by Commissioner Froehlich; motion passes 5-0.

Item #2: Steve Burian from Burian & Associates presented a summary of our water intake needs to address our water shortage at baseball/softball complex. The study researched water levels in the Heart River south of the softball complex and also south of Legion Park. Burian & Associates presented three options; 1. Convert to city water which is very expensive but will provide quality water and pressure. Dustin Fleck estimated that the cost would be \$9,000 a month for six months depending on rain and or drought years. Option 2: continue to use your existing wells and acid wash them every 2-3 yrs at an expense of \$10,000 for each well. Currently you have four wells and they are under performing due to the high level of iron and lack of pressure from the ground water. The third option is to pull water directly from the Heart River which has a much better water quality and we can provide you enough water pressure during design. Burian & Associates looked at two potential sites for a proposed intake. It was determined that the depth south of the ball diamonds was only at 1.5' which isn't recommended, even though it is the shorted route the history of water levels at this area is inadequate. Burian & Associates recommends is to use the spot where the research center also has a intake which is south of Legion Park. This location has on average 4'-8' of depth which is adequate for your needs. Its recommend that an intake at this site and transfer the water through Municipal GC and run it along 7th Street on Park District property to Faris Field and the baseball/softball complex. Burian & Associates assessed water needs for Municipal GC as currently their intake isn't able to keep up during drought years and we could design the system to accommodate their needs in the future or make it part of this project. Discussion on whether it is cost effective to expand the current pond for a larger capacity and then irrigate Municipal GC and the baseball softball complex is an option. We need to complete the cost analysis and compare if there are any synergies between a direct feed or a combined option using existing golf course pumps or combining pumps so they can operate together. Director Higlin asked the process for applying for a permit and the timeline. Mr. Burian stated that the fee is \$30,000 to review the design and could take up to 3-5 months to be reviewed and approved. One option would be to design the intake and the crossing of the dike system and submit that portion to the Corp of Engineers for approval, then we could design the remaining sections on the dry side of the dike until we get approval to proceed. No action was taken until we receive cost estimates for the overall project.

Item # 3: Director Higlin presented the one-year agreement with the University of Mary for the use of the Starion Sports Complex. There are two changes to the agreement; one is the increase in ice rent, and it is only a one-year agreement. The ice rent increased to \$100 from \$95 and the one-year agreement is to make sure we can address any locker room expansion into future contracts. Motion by Commissioner Arenz and seconded by Commissioner Hatzenbuhler to approve the University fo Mary facility as presented. Motion passes 5-0.

Item # 4: Director Higlin presented a proposal from Bartlett & West to update our southside master plan for Faris Field and the ball diamonds. The board felt that cost to update the study seemed too high and decided to not accept the proposal.

Authorization of payment of the monthly bills. Motion by Commissioner Mehlhoff and seconded by Commissioner Arenz, Motion passes 5-0.

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Motion to adjourn the meeting was at approximately 6:08pm. Motion made by Commissioner Froehlich and seconded by Commissioner Mehlhoff; Motion passes 5-0.

Cole Higlin

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Cole Higlin
Clerk, Mandan Park District



Wade Meschke
President, Board of Park Commissioner

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