

Aitkin County Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2013
Aitkin County Courthouse Board Meeting Room

Members Present; Don Kitzrow, Carroll Janzen, TJ Gustin, Tim Warnest, Ross Wagner, Mark Jacobs, Laurie Westerlund and Scott Rian.

Call to Order; The meeting was called to order by Chair TJ Gustin at 6:45 PM.

Approval of Agenda; Motion by Janzen, 2nd by Kitzrow, to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes; Motion by Westerlund, 2nd by Janzen to approve the 1/14/2013 minutes, all aye.

Parks and Trails Report; The commission reviewed the listing of 2013 Park Contracts for mowing, garbage pick-up, pumping and porti-potties at the county parks and county managed beaches and trail heads. Total of all services is \$17,744.23 which is under the budgeted amount of \$20,000. In a related budget discussion, Jacobs reported that the County Park Apportionment, which is 20% of net FTS, is decreasing due to lower prices and sales. Currently there are no concerns as reserves are adequate but this could be a concern in the future if revenues continue to decrease.

2013 Aitkin County Park Projects list was reviewed. County Parks projects listed are; repairs to Aitkin Park restrooms, complete landscaping at Berglund Park, add RV campsite(s) to Jacobson and upgrade signage throughout the park system. County Trails projects are; work with ATV clubs on maintenance, upgrade ATV trail signage, Trail Head Kiosks with trail town information, new ATV trail maps, new outdoor recreation maps and fix Rabey line problem areas.

LLCC Report; Scott Rian was introduced as the new LLCC Business and Marketing Manager. Rian then discussed with the Park Commission plans and ideas that he would be working on as he gets underway in the new position, included was; Open public participation and parking area's; Future plans for LLCC involvement in the community and long range planning goals.

Other; Election of 2013 officers was conducted. On a motion by Westerlund and 2nd by Kitzrow the following were re-elected to their previous positions; TJ Gustin as Chairperson, Carroll Janzen as Vice-Chair and Ross Wagner as Secretary, all aye. By consensus, the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:45 was kept as the meeting dates and time.

Adjournment; Motion to adjourn by Janzen, 2nd by Warnest all aye, time 7:55 PM

Minutes submitted by, Ross Wagner