The Sargent County Park Board met at 9:00 a.m. at the Sargent County Courthouse with the following present: James Peterson, Julie Colemer, David Jacobson, Jason Arth, Mike Walstead, and Bill Anderson. Also present: Russell Boutain, Park Manager; Nancy Planteen, county resident; Tibby Hinderlie, Sargent County Teller; and April Bladow, Sargent County Chief Deputy Auditor. Absent was Sherry Hosford.

David Jacobson, Chairman, called the meeting to order and proceeded to organize for 2017.

Nominations for Chairman: Jim Peterson (Anderson/Arth) Nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. (Anderson/Arth, unanimous) Nominations for Vice Chairman: Mike Walstead (Jacobson/Anderson) Nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. (Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous)

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting as presented. (Walstead/Anderson, unanimous) The financial statement showed a balance of \$73,734.40 in the Park Fund, \$20,000 in the Campground Improvement Fund and \$5779.14 in the Kraft Slough Project fund. Approve financial report. (Arth/Walstead, unanimous)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion on the Park Board Assistant position. A letter of resignation was received via email from Paula Hansen stating she is respectfully declining the position for Assistant Park Manager, an original signed copy will be mailed in to the Auditor's Office. Motion made to instruct the Auditor's office to place ad in Sargent County Teller for 2 weeks for the Assistant Manager position, with interviews starting the last week in March. (Anderson/Walstead) Russell Boutain was concerned about ordering new playground equipment and getting it ordered in a timely matter, no decision was made as they are waiting to see what funds are available for this project. Jim Peterson also mentioned putting locks on certain sewer tanks as they are getting used inappropriately and at the county's expense. Russell will keep an eye on this issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Russell inquired about getting started on his duties at Park Manager out at Silver Lake to get it ready to open for the season, commissioners advised him to set up things through Jim Peterson. Russell also mentioned some brush piles that need to be removed, he will take care of this. It was decided that Jason Arth, County Commissioner, will pick up the lawnmower tires while he is out in Bismarck for a convention. Total donations to date for Play Places and Gathering Spaces Fund is \$1,710.00. Other donations received was \$100 from Tewaukon Rod & Gun Club. There have been no camping fees or Pavilion rent since the last meeting in November.

Motion to approve payment of the following bill: (Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous)

74191A-Z Body Shop

1997 Ford Deductible

| 74192Dakota Valley Electric | Park Electricity | 232.00 |
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| 74193Forman Lumber | South Side Shelter | 494.46 |
| 74194Southeast Water Users | 2016 Water Usage | 1,427.62 |
| 74253Wayne Trophies | Goltz Plaque | 29.75 |
| 74340 Dakota Valley Electric | Park Electricity | 237.00 |
| 74513Dakota Valley Electric | Park Electricity | 239.00 |

Meeting adjourned.(Jacobson/Anderson, unanimous)

JAMES PETERSON – CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

APRIL BLADOW - CHIEF DEPUTY AUDITOR