

Forman, North Dakota
June 3, 2025

A Special Meeting of the Sargent County Park Board was held at 2 p.m. on June 3, 2025, at the Sargent County Courthouse with the following present: Chairman, Julie Colemer, Scott, Christianson, Jerry Waswick, Wade Anderson, Scott Johnson, and Lyle Bopp. Absent was Jason Arth. Also present were Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director; and Tia Bopp, Auditor.

Chairman Colemer called the meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to address complaints regarding the County Park.

There was a complaint made that an employee was drinking on the job. Pictures were made available, however, no employee is seen in the pictures just cans in and on county property.

There was much discussion on frustrations shared by the county employees at the park and also by residents on different issues and personnel. There had been a conversation between two employees in regard to paying rent for a camping site occupied by one employee. This led to confusion on whether the employee was quitting or being fired or just expressing frustration. Both employees reached out to various members of the Board. It is the position of the Board that the employee should have been paying rent all along.

The Park Manager had shared with HR the week prior she believed two employees had quit, however, she didn't want to take any action until the following Monday. By Monday, the issue had seemed to resolve as part of the rent had been paid and the employee was at work.

Other complaints were in regard to how a camper's belongings were treated by park staff. The incident was back in April, but is only being brought to the attention of the Board as of this week.

It was decided that Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director would conduct an investigation into the beer cans on the county property and if alcohol was being consumed during work hours. Chain of command would also be addressed.

Motion to authorize HR Director Peterson to place an employee on suspension without pay if an admission is made that the beer cans belong to an employee until an investigation can be made. (Bopp/Anderson) Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

JULIE COLEMER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TIA BOPP – COUNTY AUDITOR