

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M. IN THE SARGENT COUNTY WATER RESOURCE MEETING ROOM AT THE SARGENT COUNTY COURTHOUSE, FORMAN, ND

Managers present via Teams Meeting video conferencing: Lucas Siemieniewski, Todd Stein, and Bruce Speich. Roger Zetocha was present via cell phone. Absent: Michael Wyum. Also present via Teams meeting: ND Parks and Recreation (NDPR) staff Andrea Travnicek, Jolene Rieck, Justin Robinson, Tyler Modlin and Kathy Duttonhefner; Landowners Leon Mallberg and Mr. Schroeder. Present at the courthouse was Sherry Hosford and Wendy Willprecht, Sargent County Water Board Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was called by NDPR as a follow-up from the July 16, 2020 onsite inspection of the Head of the Mountain Nature Preserve. A review of the current Lease Agreement, which will expire June 30, 2021 as well as other changes to the agreement/Articles of Dedication will be discussed.

Staff from NDPR provided their roles in the preserve and asked the Board for suggestions of possible changes that could be discussed during a public meeting. Tyler Modlin suggested that Section 11 of the Articles of Dedication should be reworded to make the change that the local fire department would bring any wildfires under control as quickly as possible and that NDPR should be contacted immediately of any fires, if any, should break out on the preserve. Another item of discussion is Section 3 – Hunting - what types of hunting will be allowed on the preserve or just leave it as necessary to manage the animal population. The third item for discussion is to decide on what type of main entrance fence should be in place. Section 6 lists that NDPR will provide a fence around the perimeter of the Nature Preserve area. In the past, wires are being cut to allow entrance to the preserve. Suggestions of placing a metal gate with hinges that could be manually pushed open for entrance may eliminate others from cutting the fence.

NDPR asked that the Board discuss these items at their November meeting and to contact NDPR of your decision and they will provide any other topics for discussion as well as prepare a lease for review and consideration of adoption.

Once the items have been decided on, a public meeting will be scheduled to discuss the changes. Following the public meeting, the lease agreement and Articles of Dedication will be prepared and presented for adopted by NDPR and the Sargent County Water Resource District.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03.

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LUCAS SIEMIENIEWSKI, CHAIRMAN

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SHERRY HOSFORD, SECRETARY-TREASURER