

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting  
September 12, 2017

The Fort Sisseton Commission met September 12, 2017 at Fort Sisseton State Park. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Commission members present were Glen Johnson, Eileen Warzeka, Mary Dunn, Judy Gullerson, Duane Hemmah, Gary Strand, Bill Hoskins, Jim Patrick, Sid Schroeder and Bruce Prins. GFP personnel present were Bob Schneider, Willy Collignon, Lori Skadsen and Chris Soukup. Minutes taken by Dalaine Pleinis.

AGENDA ITEMS

**MOTION BY GARY, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY EILEEN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRINTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

FOUNDATION REPORT - *Chris* reviewed the foundation report.

**MOTION BY SID 2<sup>ND</sup> BY BILL TO TRANSFER \$655.75 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WHEEL FUND TO TAKE CARE OF THE DEFICIT AND CLOSE OUT THE ACCOUNT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Playhouse Review-*Eileen* gave a review of the attendance for the 2017 season. Was up slightly from last year. Comment card feedback was good. *Chris* gave a summary of the gate visitation. The park entrance fee requirement went over well.

Summer Camping - *Chris* reported that summer camping and visitation have been steady.

On the Frontier- *Bill* reported that the event was a success with 74 reenactors participating. The group donated \$350.00 of the registration fee to the Fort Commission.

Calendar Update- *Judy* presented a sample of the proposed calendar. The cost to the commission will be \$8.00 per calendar. Discussion was held concerning waiting to have a 2019/18 month calendar or stay with the current 2018/12 month version, how many to order and selling price. *Judy* also requested that each commission member try and sell 4 or 5 calendars each. Advertising options were discussed. We will have it put on the website and Facebook.

**MOTION BY DUANE 2<sup>ND</sup> BY SID TO ORDER 100-2018 CALENDARS TO BE SOLD AT \$15.00/CALENDAR. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS:

FALL/WINTER EVENTS- *Bruce* updated the commission on the Harvest Fest plans. The harvesting this year will be spaced out through the day. Lefse will be served.

Haunted Fort *Chris* updated the commission. Event will be structured the same as last year with an afternoon and evening session. He has been contacted by a Boy Scout troop that will be camping here and helping with the event.

Frontier Christmas *Chris*- Event will be December 9<sup>th</sup>. *Chris* will let the commission members know when decorating day will be. *Eileen* will head the committee for concession for the event.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE- *Bill* informed the commission that GFP personnel and he had participated in a building walk through and identified and prioritized items that need attention.

Geothermal *Chris* informed the commission that a comprehensive inspection of the existing Geothermal system was completed by KFI Engineers on July 27, 2017. Deficiencies found included low pressure in wells, incorrect Glycol percentages, incorrect material used for piping, and inconsistency of wells. GFP staff will be implementing a plan to address these issues.

BILLBOARDS *Chris* presented pictures of the 2 billboards and their state of disrepair. Discussion was held.

**MOTION BY DUANE 2<sup>ND</sup> BY BRUCE TO TABLE ANY DECISION ON REPAIRING THE BILLBOARDS. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** *Chris* will research options and cost of repairs.

DRAFT HORSE ASSOCIATION MEETING A meeting was held addressing the parking and space availability for the Association during Festival. *Chris* presented a map of the new plan that addressed the concerns of the Draft Horse Association and staff felt would not hinder public or event operations.

OPEN DISCUSSION *Bruce* inquired about having a monthly calendar mailed to the commission. *Chris*, *Willy*, *Lori* and *Dalaine* will work on getting one sent each month.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS *Eileen* asked for nominations.

**MOTION BY BILL 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MARY TO KEEP THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.** (Chair: *Judy*, Vice-chair: *Bruce*. Executive committee: *Mary*, *Gary*, *Bruce* and *Duane*)

Haunted Fort Committee (*Eileen*, *Mary* and *Chris*) asked for volunteers for the event.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting was set for January 22, 2018 with a lunch and meeting to follow. Location to be determined.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY BRUCE 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM.**