

Fort Sisseton Commission Meeting  
September 29, 2016

The Fort Sisseton Commission met September 29, 2016 at Fort Sisseton. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Commission members present were Karie Geyer, Eileen Warzeka, Gary Strand, Glen Johnson, Duane Hemmah, Sid Schroeder, Bruce Prins, Judy Gulleson, Kirk Jones, and Bill Hoskins. GFP personnel present were Bob Schneider, Willy Collignon, Lori Skadsen and Chris Soukup.

AGENDA ITEMS

**REVIEW OF THE MINUTES: MOTION BY BILL, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY BRUCE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS PRINTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FOUNDATION REPORT: *Chris* presented the foundation report.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW SUPERVISORS: *Bob Schneider* introduced the newly appointed Northeast Regional Supervisor, Willy Collignon, and the newly appointed District 1 Supervisor, Lori Skadsen.

NORTHERN FORT PLAYHOUSE: *Eileen* gave a report of the 2016 season. 2017 plays will be *Wonderettes Dream ON* and *Boeing, Boeing*.

A new user fee is being discussed between GFP and the NFP Commission to bring the fee structure more in line with that of all other events held in state parks.

FALL EVENTS *Chris* updated the commission on the following fall events:

- School Tours – had about 150 children rotating through 5 different stations
- Harvest Festival – had about 200 people
- Haunted Fort – to be held 10/15. Still looking for volunteers to help with the event.

*Chris* proposed hosting Harvest Festival and Haunted Fort on the same day. Discussion was held and the decision made to keep it as is for at least the next year.

CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: The commission was updated on the following GFP projects.

- FY16 (still pending) Geotherm repair in the Hospital and Dr Quarters,
  - Insulated the upstairs in the N Barracks
- FY17
  - Curb stop (May leave as BDM has installed new meter. Will monitor)
  - Interior repairs of the comfort station
  - Fan Replacement in S Barracks. *Chris* did some research and new fan would be just as noisy. Instead he had 3 of the ceiling fans repaired and had additional fans installed. Seems to have helped.
- FY18
  - New water heater in barn
  - Dormer repair on COQ
  - Shingle Block house

*Bob* reminded the commission that the above are State projects. If anyone has any projects or improvements they would like to see submitted, please share your ideas with *Chris*.

Discussion was held concerning fixing/adding barn stalls. The bid for the Kjorsvig lumber came in higher than anticipated. After meeting with *Matt*, *Gary* priced regular rough cut lumber and it came in at less than \$100.00 per stall. The need for improved lighting in the barn was also discussed.

**MOTION BY DUANE 2<sup>ND</sup> BY KARIE TO HAVE CHRIS TO GET PRICES TO IMPROVE THE LIGHTING IN THE BARN. HE WILL GET THE PRICES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. UPON GIVING THIS INFORMATION TO THE COMMITTEE, THEY WILL MAKE THE DECISION ON MOVING FORWARD. THE STAFF WILL PROCEED WITH THE STALL PROJECT. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion was held concerning the need for repair of the cannon wheel spokes. *Chris* has contacted Hansen Wheel and Wagon and is waiting for their response.

Discussion was held concerning the need for increased parking area for the Festival day use attendees.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: *Sid* announced that, due to health concerns, he will be stepping down as chairman and planning committee member but still wishes to be on the commission.

*Eileen* presented the nominating committees recommendation for officers.

**MOTION BY GARY 2<sup>ND</sup> BY GLEN TO ELECT JUDY GULLESON AS CHAIRMAN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**MOTION BY GARY 2<sup>ND</sup> BY KARIE TO ELECT BRUCE PRINS AS VICE CHAIRMAN. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Duane Hemmah* will replace *Sid* on the planning committee.

Member *Paul Symens* has resigned from the commission and *Karen DeVine* submitted a letter of resignation effective December 2016. Please submit to *Chris* names of people you would like to have considered for commission members.

The next meeting was tentatively set for late January or early February.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY SID 2<sup>ND</sup> BY DUANE. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**