

**Park Board Meeting
April 28, 2025**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District met for a special meeting at 3:30 pm on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Dickinson Parks and Recreation Administrative Office.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Karsky, Tim Daniel, Zach Keller, Nic Stevenson. Also, present were Executive Director/Clerk Benjamin Rae, Director of Recreation/Facilities Caleb Burgard, Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson and Administrative Manager Leah Hoenke. Commissioner Tyler Tucker was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

PARK BOARD PARKS/FACILITIES TOUR – 3:30-5:30 PM

Executive Director Benjamin Rae reviewed the district funds and highlighted the West River Improvement Fund that is currently at \$1,091,216.81 and reviewed the estimates of expenses that are set aside for the following: Roers roof project, outdoor pool deck, outdoor pool leak repairs, architecture fees, asphalt, lap pool deck and pump room, blinds, mower, and changing table. Director Rae then reviewed the WRCC maintenance projects planned that include indoor pools, drop off zone, locker rooms, hvac, racquetball court conversion, lobby, carpet, LED light conversion, lobby/upstairs restrooms, MAC gym remodel, tennis air conditioning and outdoor pool structures. Director Rae also reviewed potential future projects: DSU tennis court expansion; splash pad; WRCC indoor playground/daycare/teen space; 9 hole executive/junior golf course; ninja course playground; outdoor ice improvements; Riverside park development; northside park development; westside park development; trail building and sidewalk continuity; third sheet of ice; indoor turf; indoor courts; convention center; south Patterson campground; ballpark improvements (lights, restrooms, fencing). Discussion followed. Director Rae reviewed the specifics on the WRCC renovations, showing floor plans and material samples. He said plans are to tile all through the entrance, specifically around the front desk in between the MAC gymnasium and new front desk counter. He showed a 3-D rendering for a better visual. Director Rae then reviewed options for the WRCC drop-off zone. Four design options with the first design coming in at \$23,000; 2nd option is \$11,000; 3rd option is \$84,000 and 4th option is \$148,000. Discussion followed on the no parking signs that were put out and evaluating how that is going before making final decision on a permanent solution.

The staff and Park Board went on a park/facilities tour starting at the HRGC fencing, Mann's Dam and Hole 17 bridge. The fencing was repaired behind the green on hole 16 and the board discussed potential options for the renovation of Mann's Dam and Hole 17 bridge. Executive Director Rae talked about the new trail expansion of the Crooked Crane Trail Stranski Trailhead, saying that it has added an additional 1.0 miles of trail. The board then went to Jaycee Park where Director Rae reviewed the City of Dickinson plan for reconstruction of the East Broadway Dam and the future plans for Jaycee Park along with the district property across the river from Jaycee Park. This includes the development of a regional park with riverside trails, a kayak launch and other river access points.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Zach Keller; SECONDED BY: Nic Stevenson to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. All aye, motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President