

**ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vasold at 6:03 pm.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ann Silker, Bob Willoughby, Craig Clingan, Frank Engler, Jeremy Murphy, John Dinse, Jordan Bruursema and Randy Vasold

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bob Busch and Ruth Barrett

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Director Alexis Hansen, Parks Supervisor Kurt Burnia, Parks Assistant Supervisor Emma Vanacker and Park Staff Member Kathy Vanderkolk

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Agenda was accepted as presented (Engler/Willoughby).**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

N/A

**MINUTES**

The April 2024 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **It was moved (Dinse/Murphy) to approve the April 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Director presented the invoices and credit card bills for April 2024. **It was moved (Murphy/Clingan) to approve the credit card bills April 2024. Motion carried unanimously**

**CAMPGROUND SUMMARY REPORT**

No campground summary was given. Reports for May and June will be presented at the June meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Employment/Volunteering**

The Director noted that there are still many Gate Attendant positions still available.

Staff Training will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

**Park**

The Coldwater Lake Boat Launch was opened this week. Both Coldwater Lake Family Park and Herrick Recreation Area will open this Friday, May 3, 2024.

**Meridian Park**

Parks Supervisor Kurt Burnia will be placing a farm fence up to keep park users out of the Whitehead property.

**M20 Passing Flare**

A passing flare on the north side of M20 in front of Deerfield Nature Park is under construction.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****2024-2028 Master Recreation Plan**

Final approval was received. No further updates will be given.

**North (Beach) Side Playground at Herrick**

Awaiting installation of benches and shade structures. Once these final items are installed, a ribbon cutting will be scheduled.

**Department of Natural Resources Spark Grant**

There will be a kickoff meeting on May 15 at Herrick Recreation Area. Construction will take place in 2025 after Labor Day and may continue through the Spring.

**Millage Renewal**

The Director noted that the Millage Renewal resolution was accepted by the Board of County Commissioners to go on the Tuesday, August 6 ballot. A webpage has been created to share information regarding the upcoming millage.

**NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Willoughby noted that the Drain Commission has been very busy with maintenance and are working on getting caught up.

Commissioner Engler noted he has been attending many meetings and gave updates on the Sheriff's Office's recent grant for drones and the Recycling Center project.

**The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at Deerfield Nature Park in the Pond Overlook Pavilion.

**ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn (Willoughby/Murphy) at 7:31pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Clingan, Secretary