



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes Directory

Date: April 27, 2021

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location: Zoom Virtual Attendance-This meeting was broadcasted on the FWP website at: <http://fwp.mt.gov/>

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Parks and Recreation Board Members in Attendance:

Russ Kipp, Chair
Scott Brown
Jody Loomis
Kathy McLane
Mary Moe
Hank Worsech, Secretary/Director

Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order
2. Hell Creek Recreation Area Lease with the Army Corps of Engineers - Final
3. Public Comment ~ For Issues Not On This Agenda
4. Adjournment

1. **4:00** Call to Order

Chair Kipp called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **4:06** Hell Creek Recreation Area Lease with the Army Corps of Engineers – Final (Action Item)

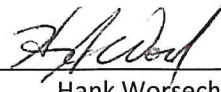
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) has had a long relationship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) at the Hell Creek Site, with a formal relationship dating back to at least the 1960's. The current 30-year lease between the two agencies expires April 2021. During the previous lease term, significant capital investments were made on the 337-acre site. Improvements included: two staff housing units, a maintenance building, comfort station, electrification of the public campground, and significant investments in site infrastructure related to public safety (public water supply and wastewater disposal).

FWP is proposing to enter into a two-year no cost lease agreement with the ACOE for the operation and maintenance of Hell Creek Recreation Area. This action will allow FWP to transition out of managing the Hell Creek Recreation Area. Under this proposed action, FWP would work with the Little Shell Tribe to familiarize them with site management through approximately 2023. To ensure a proper transition from FWP to the Tribe, the lease allows for two one-year extensions if necessary. The current proposal is intended to provide a seamless recreational experience for visitors to the Hell Creek Recreation area on Fort Peck Reservoir. During the two-year period, FWP will prepare to relinquish management of the site at the conclusion of the lease term. This will allow for the least interruption of the services provided to the public and will continue management and operation of the recreational facilities while maintaining a high standard of safety, cleanliness, accessibility and care for the investments made to the recreational amenities at this federally owned site. Minimal new developments are planned over the term of the new lease.

- 24:16** *Motion: Member Loomis moved, and Member Brown seconded that the Parks and Recreation Board approve the two-year lease agreement between the Department and the Army Corps of Engineers for continued management of the Hell Creek Recreation Area and work with the Little Shell Tribe to familiarize them with site management through approximately year 2023.*
- 24:56** Chair Kipp asked for public Comment.
- 1:27:11** The Board and Department conversed about the agenda item and motion.
- 1:46:32** *Motion Carried. 5-0*
3. **1:47:13** Public Comment ~ For Issues Not On This Agenda
4. **1:51:52** Adjournment
- 1:52:06** *Motion: Member McLane moved, and Member Loomis seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. 5-0*
- 1:52:23** Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



Russ Kipp, Chair



Hank Worsech, Director