

The monthly Joint Powers Board Meeting for the Mountain Plains Heritage Park was held at the Johnson County Library on November 2, 2016. President Christy Kessler called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Rick Durfee, Megan Boggs, and Vicky Gearhart.

Christy gave the treasurer's report. Deposits were made in the amount of \$4833.60. Paid Bret Markovsky of "Mr. Fix-It" for half of bid to replace seven more logs for wood rot on the Hesse Cabin.

Vicky Gearhart had received an email from Ed Muller of Tetra Tech doing work for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Abandoned Mine Land Division saying they would like to drill a geotechnical borehole at Heritage Park. It was forwarded to Christy, and she forwarded to the Johnson County Commissioners. Tetra Tech has been working in the park and did drill two holes in the Park. They cleaned the holes and area as stated in the email.

The Buffalo Chamber of Commerce had sent a letter asking if the MPHP would like to participate in their Christmas activities. A discussion was held amongst the board members, and it was decided there was nothing that would benefit the activities.

Bret Markovsky with "Mr. Fix It" continues working on the Hesse Cabin at the Park. He has put a lot of time and work on the park and cabin. There was a window that had 3 bullet holes in the window, so Bret advised he would fix the window. Also fixed a window on the West side and a post in the upper parking lot that someone had broken the chain out of.

Discussion was held concerning the fixing of the trail on the West side of the Upper Park. Rick was going to contact Dan Rogers again to see if he wanted to submit a bid to the board to fix the trail. There is a lot of water damage on the trail from run-off which can be fixed by placing a pipe under the trail and have it drain out away from the trail.

Rick will be making new trail mile markers this winter, so we can replace this spring. Most of them have been damaged beyond repair or are missing.

Megan will get a tree order form when Lake DeSmet Conservation District distributes. The board members will look at the type of trees and decide at that time if we want to purchase some trees to replace the ones that have died. Christy will get with Back Country Spraying for weed spraying next spring. Felt it was best to get our name on the list now.

Reviewed the fund balance in the Regional State Museum Foundation Mountain Plains Heritage Center. Rick made a motion to transfer some money out of that fund into the Mountain Plains Heritage Park JPB fund to pay for the remaining balance of the repairs on the Hesse Cabin along with trail repair. Megan seconded the motion.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30. The next meeting will not take place until April or May of 2017. If any business needs to be addressed during the months with no meeting, board members felt that a telephone conference would work.

Respectfully Submitted Vicky Gearhart