

Mountain Plains Heritage Park Joint Powers Board Meeting was held on June 14, 2017, at the Johnson County Library with the following in attendance: Christy Kessler, Frank Pratt, Rick Durfee, Megan Boggs, and Vicky Gearhart.

The minutes from the May 13, 2017, meeting was approved with no additions or corrections. Christy went over the Treasurer's report. There were 3 bills that needed to be paid, Rick Durfee made a motion to pay them, Frank seconded. The Weed & Pest had performed a second spraying on the railroad trail for thistle. Megan made a motion to go ahead and pay them when the bill came in. Vicky seconded.

A letter had been received from the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts seeking our interest and participation in discussions on proposed concepts. After all board members read the letter, it was decided that we would decline. Received from the Local Government Liability Pool Memorandum for coverage for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Megan and Christy worked on and submitted the 2017 - 2018 proposed budget to the state Department of Audit and County Commissioners.

Christy discussed and visited MPHP with Scott Pehringer from the Johnson County Road and Bridge about the road leading to the upper parking lot. They began work removing the water bars, cutting in drainage ditches on each side of the road, grading the road, and filling in the holes at the cattleguards on June 14th with completion on June 15th. The board members would like to thank them for this work.

Frank discussed the bid he received from John Zorbus for repair of the trail on the west side of the upper park. After discussion Rick made a motion to accept the bid and Megan seconded with the stipulation to talk to John about possibly a larger pipe and do a field trip with him.

Vicky requested water every month through September with Les Hook of the City of Buffalo. He advised he would take water up. He also asked about having an organization talk to somebody on the board about possibly putting a Labyrinth at the MPHP. I instructed him to speak to Christy Kessler. The board members talked about this, and it was decided that it didn't really go with the theme of the park.

Signs were placed on the upper parking lot, lower parking lot and the railroad trail for people to please pick up after their dogs. Frank was going to check with the Trail Board about the possibility of getting another litter station to be placed at the lower parking lot.

Frank gave an update on the Volkssport (AVA) that stopped in Buffalo prior to going to Billings for the National Convention. Billings had around 700 people from 30 different states and four foreign countries. He said there were about 420 people in Buffalo and at least 50 walked the MPHP trail.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. Next meeting will be held on July 13, 2017, at the Johnson County Library.

Respectfully Submitted Vicky Gearhart