

Broadwater County Trust Board Meeting

8/26/21

10:00 am, Flynn Building rear office

Board Members: Steve McCullough, Kim Kondelik, Doug Breker, Virgil Binkley, Al Christophersen

Commissioners: Debi Randolph, Mike Delger

Guests: John Hahn, Tina Edlebut

Admin Assistant: Jessie Underwood

Steve called the meeting to order at 9:59 am.

Al motioned to approve the minutes from August 10th, 2021, with the amendments of “Poulon” to “Coulon” and “The water level is the lowest it has ever been since the tracking of the water level started” to “it is a very low water year”. Doug seconded. No comment from the floor. Motion carried 5/0.

The City of Townsend has approved the STOKE skatepark. Steve approves of the schematics of already built skate parks around the state. Al agrees that the information provided answers his questions and he has seen the Lincoln and the Kalispell skate parks and they look well built. Kim was able to attend the City Council meeting that voted on the approval of the skate park and said that Billy Coulon told the City Council that he has dealt with many different soil types and will have no problem with the clay soil in Townsend. The confirmed location of the skate park will be the western side of Holloway Park. STOKE will meet with City Council and community members on August 30th to plan out the exact location for Billy Coulon, of Evergreen Skatepark builders, to design the skate park. Al wants the final copy of the design and schematics of the skate park when the design work is done. Doug asked John if the skatepark could still be built without a grant from the Trust Board, and he stated STOKE could still be able to build one, just not as big as they wanted/planned. Virgil motioned to grant the request of \$50,000 to STOKE, with the delivery of all final plans submitted for the Trust Board files. Kim seconded. There is an amendment to Virgil’s motion. Amendment states the approval of the grant to STOKE would also be contingent on the final approval of the designs by the City Council. Virgil motioned for the amendment to his previous motion. Kim seconded. No comment from the floor. Motion carried. Mike Delger asked about a contingency plan for inadequate foundation soil under the skate park. John stated the builder will excavate down to get past bad

soil and install french drains. Mike was concerned about where the money will come from to get more gravel if it is needed for the foundation and underlay. John stated that STOKE would ask for volunteers and donated gravel. Mike asked if there is a kind of guarantee on the work, and Billy Coulon said if there are problems, Evergreen Skatepark builders will return to fix them. The Commissioners need a letter from the Trust Board stating their approval of the \$50,000 to STOKE today, so that the approval will be on their agenda next week.

Virgil updated the Board on the future work on Broadwater Bay. Virgil met with Schauber Surveying on the need to survey the eight bays at the Silos area. Schauber quoted approximately \$45,000 for the survey of all 8 bays. There was an old survey done by the government for that area. Schauber will only provide a survey for contouring, not volumes since they are not equipped/experienced for that type of survey work. They stated the BOR should be able to map out the channels. Virgil stated that the focus can be shrunk down from all 8 bays to 3 bays. Al found the original Army Corp of Engineers excavation permit for Broadwater Bay. The excavation permit is expired at this time but the Board would like to renew it for Broadwater Bay with the addition of Sgt. Floyd Bay and York Bay. The Board would like to get this work done while the water level is very low, since the permit process is different and more expensive if the excavation is done below water level. Schauber quoted \$15,000-\$20,000 to survey Broadwater Bay, Sgt. Floyd Bay and York Bay. The Board needs a commitment from the BOR on funding from them for the excavation project. Steve asked the board if they wanted to survey all 8 bays with the larger expenditure or narrow the scope down to Broadwater Bay and Sgt. Floyd Bay with the smaller expenditure. Mike stated that the Board needs to get a competing cost comparison from 3 different survey firms if the cost is \$25,000-\$80,000. Anything under \$25,000 does not require a cost comparison, but is highly recommended to have at least one comparison. Virgil motioned to set aside \$40,000 for survey work on Broadwater Bay, contingent on the BOR accepting and funding the work on at least Broadwater Bay. Doug seconded. Al asked if the Board is moving to obligate \$40,000 for up to 8 bays for surveying, which does not include volumes, just contours. Virgil stated the BOR would be responsible for design work which covers volumes. Al stated that if the BOR will do the design work, the Board should have all the bays surveyed. Motion

carried 5/0. The Commissioners will contact the BOR with the Trust Boards commitment to paying for the surveying.

Debi briefed the board on the pay station income at the Silos. The Trust board had an income of \$7,174 that goes into the line item "Silos Projects". Credit card revenue is \$18,330 since Ester took over, which the Trust Board gets approximately 60%. She does not have the cash revenue yet.

Virgil asked if he could go get more copies made of the Broadwater Bay survey draft book. Kim motioned to approve \$250 for more copies to be made. Doug seconded. No comment from the floor. Motion carried 5/0.

Next meeting will be September 14th, 2021 at 11:30 am in the Flynn Building.

Meeting adjourned