

Minutes of a Meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board (“Board”)  
 Held on September 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.  
 DMR Conference Room, 1000 E Calgary  
 Bismarck, ND

Present: Wade Moser, OHF Advisory Board Chairman  
 Eric Aasmundstad, OHF Advisory Board  
 Randy Bina, OHF Advisory Board  
 Carolyn Godfread, OHF Advisory Board  
 Jon Godfread, OHF Advisory Board  
 Tom Hutchens, OHF Advisory Board  
 Bob Kuylen, OHF Advisory Board  
 Jim Melchior, OHF Advisory Board  
 Kent Reierson, OHF Advisory Board  
 Patricia Stockdill, OHF Advisory Board  
 Dan Wogsland, OHF Advisory Board  
 Larry Kotchman, OHF Advisory Board  
 Terry Steinwand, OHF Advisory Board  
 Rhonda Vetsch, OHF Advisory Board  
 Mark Zimmerman, OHF Advisory Board  
 Blaine Hoffman, OHF Advisory Board (By Speakerphone) portion of the meeting

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Also

Present: Brock Wahl, Department of Mineral Resources Technician  
 Erin Kuetemeyer, Department of Mineral Resources Technician

Trace Hanson	Terry Allbee	Tim Nilsen
Steven Dvorak	Ross Lambert	Mike Aubol
Rick Warhurst	Jolene Halldorson	Donavon Bye
Dave Nehring	Kyle Halvorson	Jerod Klabundle
Ryan Krapp	Cindy Malaterre	Ian Mattice
Karen Kreil	Harley St Claire	Ed Sehn
Matt Gardner	Marshall Johnson	Rick Davis
Robert L. Rogers II	Clay Whittlesey	Kevin Kading
Fintan Dooley	Bill Palmisno	Eric Hoberg
Jonas Davis	Brian Hage	Aaron Garman
Jesse Hanson	Sarah Smith Warren	Kathy Kelsch

Chairman Moser called the meeting to order with a quorum being present. There were no additions or deletions to the September 5, 2014 agenda.

The January 13 and 14, 2014 meeting minutes were presented. (Copies are available in the Commission/OHF files.) It was noted that the May 13 meeting minutes were not completed.

**It was moved by Bob Kuylen and seconded by Tom Hutchens to approve the January 13 and 14, 2014 minutes as presented. Mr. Hoffman was not present or voting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Fine, Industrial Commission Executive Director, presented the financial report as follows:

Outdoor Heritage Fund (294)  
 Financial Statement  
**2013-2015 Biennium**  
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July 1, 2013 Balance	<u>Cash Balance</u>
	\$ 0.00

Interest Revenue through July 31, 2014	\$ 1,949.22
Revenues through July 31, 2014	\$ 9,960,555.14
Grant Expenditures through July 31, 2014	\$ (544,809.00)
Administrative Expenditures through July 31, 2014	\$ ( 79,271.90)
	<b>\$ 9,338,423.46</b>
Outstanding Project Commitments as of July 31, 2014	<u>\$(7,812,752.00)</u>
Balance	<b>\$ 1,525,671.46</b>

Outdoor Heritage Fund  
Continuing Appropriation Authority  
2013-2015 Biennium

Uncommitted Balance July 1, 2013	\$ 000.00
Interest Revenue	\$ 20,000.00
Revenues Fiscal Year 2014	\$15,000,000.00
Revenues Fiscal Year 2015	<u>\$15,000,000.00</u>
	\$30,020,000.00
Administration Expenditures	\$ (300,000.00)
Project Commitments 2013-2015	<u>\$(8,357,561.00)</u>
<b>Available Funding</b>	<b>\$21,362,439.00</b>

***54-17.8-02 North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund – Continuing appropriation***

*There is created a North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund that is governed by the Commission. Any money deposited in the Fund is appropriated on a continuing basis to the Commission for the purposes of this chapter. Interest earned by the Fund must be credited to the Fund. The Commission shall keep accurate records of all financial transactions performed under this chapter.*

***57-51-15(d). Outdoor Heritage Fund - Deposits.***

*First the tax revenue collected under this chapter equal to one percent of the gross value at the well of the oil and one-fifth of the tax on gas must be deposited with the State Treasurer who shall: ...*

*(d) Credit four percent of the amount available under this subsection to the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund, but not in an amount exceeding fifteen million dollars in a state fiscal year and not in an amount exceeding thirty million dollars per biennium;...*

Mr. Moser stated Randy Bina, Eric Aasmundstad and Tom Hutchens had been reappointed by Governor Dalrymple. He thanked the four members of the Technical Committee for their valuable service. Mr. Moser stated that at the last Industrial Commission meeting Governor Dalrymple said “the Board is an outstanding group and the State is fortunate to have people like that working on it and they are doing a great job.” He informed the Board that the Industrial Commission members recognize the Board members’ commitment and what they are doing and it is appreciated.

Mr. Moser provided an overview of the process--it would be the same as what had been done the last round.

Mr. Moser called on the first applicant to make their presentation.

GR3-014 - Partnering with ND Producers to Promote Profitable Agriculture with Wildlife Benefits - Ducks Unlimited, Inc. - \$472,320 - Directive B (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Steven Dvorak said he took the Board’s suggestions and comments from the last round and reworked the application. The objective of this project is to increase secure nesting habitat and promote profitable conservation practices and see a broader adoption and inclusion of multiple seeding especially with wheat. The focus for this project is in that heavily cropped area that does not have a lot of grass habitat on the landscape and is where we would get the greatest value from having winter

wheat on the land. If they receive partial funding, they would focus the funding to the highest priority counties. It is not all or nothing but they would focus it on those key parts of the state.

In response to a question regarding what other options there are for developing cover for wildlife, Mr. Dvorak said it depends on wildlife, but when it comes to ducks it doesn't have to be winter wheat. It could be a variety of crops; however, it is the fall-seeded, winter-hardy crops that provide the habitat. Mr. Dvorak also discussed with the Board why the incentive payments had been dropped.

GR3-024 - Private Land Aquatic Habitat Creation & Infrastructure Enhancement - Ducks Unlimited, Inc. - \$580,000 - Directive B (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Rick Warhurst said they would match the request with \$246,000 of Ducks Unlimited support. He said this project will be directed towards helping ranchers in Emmons & Sioux Counties – it is more economical and feasible in a concentrated area where there is high need. There is an additional directive of developing, enhancing, conserving and restoring wildlife and fish habitat on private and public lands. None of these areas have posted signs so they would all be available for hunting, but it is private land. They competitively bid all projects. They will be working with 8 landowners/ranchers in the two counties with 11 stock dam wetland impoundments – 3 new, 8 repairs. There is one water spreader area and it would be hayed. There are 112.4 wetland acres involved in this project.

Mr. Warhurst responded to questions from the Board -- landowner financial contribution to the project - none; ongoing costs for repairs - expectation is that the landowner will contribute to the cost of ongoing maintenance and repairs; requirement for public access - this is private land and they do not include it as a requirement in their contracts - these are not really good hunting sites; who originally constructed the eight dams currently in existence - did not know (Ducks Unlimited had not constructed them); who would be managing the land - landowner, the land is in good shape, they just need water; Ducks Unlimited staff time would be the match with a portion of the work being contracted out.

GR3-022 - Conservation Cover Program (Pilot) - North Dakota Natural Resources Trust - \$3,525,000 - Directive B (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Ms. Karen Kreil & Mr. Terry Allbee presented the project. This project would be focused on a 15 county area centered around Bismarck for logistical reasons, more efficient approach and would be promoted by the farm bill biologists and other conservation partners.

Ms. Kreil and Mr. Allbee responded to questions from the Board regarding how the program would work -- there would be a grazing management program developed in conjunction with NRCS; this request covers the costs for this pilot project for the full 10 years; sample contracts had not yet been drafted; any pro-rated buyout would be detailed in the working land contract with the landowner; the Trust would hold the contract; provisions regarding haying and haying rotation would be worked out with the landowner on a one-to-one basis; contract would be with the landowner not necessarily the operator of the land.

GR3-03 - Wild Rice River Restoration & Riparian Project Phase II - Wild Rice Soil Conservation District - \$9,937 - Directive B (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Ms. Trace Hanson stated this application was being called Phase II because it is implementing a new tool in the continuation of their ongoing project. The goal of the project is to actively achieve fully supporting status for aquatic life and recreational use of the Wild Rice River within Sargent County by reducing the concentrated sediments, phosphorus and total suspended solids. The new project starts October 24 and runs for 4 years, enhances CRP, US Fish and Wildlife, Water Bank Program and the producer has the choice of a ten to fifteen year agreement.

Ms. Hanson responded to questions from the Board regarding when the OHF funding would be utilized -- there is a reference in the application to 2018 -- funding would be used within two years as she has landowners that are on a wait list; easements would be offered rather than leases as that is a requirement of the Health Department.

GR3-011 – North Dakota Pheasant Habitat Initiative - North Dakota Game and Fish Department - \$3,000,000 - Directive A (Slides and a handout are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Kevin Kading stated the application is tied to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department ten-year pheasant plan. To assist in meeting the grass planting goal they want to utilize CRP and CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) – companion to CRP. It is a state-federal program. Producer would go to FSA office and indicate interest, they would assess eligibility. Minimum request is 40 acres (PLOTS) CREP could be as small as 2 acres. USDA will provide the rental payments and incentives on the CREP acres. OHF would provide a one-time incentive on those acres and PLOTS would build onto those CREP contract areas so it is flexible. The concept is to build onto those CREP areas. The funding of CREP has a 6 stage process with the Governor’s signature being required on the 5<sup>th</sup> step of the award.

Mr. Kading responded to questions from the Board regarding the federal funding -- once the CREP agreement is in place the funding is locked in; if CREP funding is utilized then there must be public access for hunting (40 acres minimum); wetland acres could be included in the CREP acreage; there could be some lands in CRP and some in CREP so some of the land could be farmed; the OHF dollars and the PLOTS dollars are the 20% match dollars required for CREP with the Game and Fish Department also contributing the costs for the environmental assessment; both former CRP lands and new lands would be eligible; eligibility would be determined by FSA; as proposed regardless of how the acres rank the OHF would pay the \$100/acre sign-up incentive; the management plan adopted for the acres would be subject to the CRP rules as it relates to grazing and haying and the landowner would be responsible for the management and maintenance of the acres including the controlling of noxious weeds.

GR3-08 - Public Use Fishing Docks at Lake Metigoshe and Beaver Lake State Parks - ND Parks & Recreation Department - \$40,382 - Directive D (A handout is available in the Commission files.) Mr. Jesse Hanson stated this request is for the purchase and installation of two fishing docks and an addition to an existing dock. Neither park is considered a major fishing park, but serve as a great resource for shore fishing, camping, hiking but are popular for fishing. Limitations of shore fishing, ice creates berm and water is shallow at base. A T-dock would extend out into the water about 40 feet providing better access. A lot of low income people that can’t afford boats get out and fish at Lake Metigoshe. He emphasized in the grant application there is a request for adding a ten foot section onto the L-shaped dock.

Mr. Hanson responded to questions from the Board. He indicated that the funding for these two docks and extension had not been submitted to the Legislature for funding; requests had not been made to the Game and Fish Department for funding because they would not have ranked high on the Department’s ranking (ranking would be low because there is a park fee charged). Mr. Steinwand indicated that the Game and Fish Department’s limited funding is for ramps, piers and docks and one of their top priorities is that there be guaranteed free public access.

GR3-015 - Fingal Wildlife Club Dam Restoration - Fingal Wildlife Club - \$35,500 - Directive A (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Dave Nehring, on behalf of the Fingal Wildlife Club reviewed the history of the Dam. In the mid-60’s with the help of the ASCS, the Fingal Wildlife Club secured easements and constructed the dam. Since then the culvert rusted through, inlet structure fell apart and the dam was breached. Club has engineers for members. With the assistance of the OHF the Club will replace the inlet/outlet structure, remove trees on top of the dam and make an emergency spillway if they receive full funding.

Mr. Nehring responded to questions from the Board--the facility would be open to the public and the Game and Fish Department has given a verbal commitment that they would stock the dam if the water levels were sufficient.

GR3-018 - Bismarck PF Habitat Enhancement - Pheasants Forever Dakota Chapter, Bismarck - \$60,000 - Directive C (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Nehring presented the

request on behalf of the Pheasants Forever Dakota Chapter, Bismarck. He said the Chapter purchased a tree planter, a barrier machine and trailers for both. They want funding from the OHF for planting tree shrubs including weed barrier on the ground in 2015 in addition to some native grass seeding. Our main objective is to increase and diversify wildlife habitat. In addition the Chapter is in the process of writing a cooperative use agreement with Game and Fish Department which would allow the Department to use the tree planting equipment when it wasn't in use by the Chapter (primarily during the week).

Mr. Nehring responded to questions from the Board--trees would be purchased from the Lincoln-Oakes Nursery and the Towner Nursery; USDA guidelines on types of species would be followed; plantings would be done on both public & private land; at this time he didn't know if there would be public access on the private land--those requirements are still being discussed; this would be in addition to what is being done by the Soil Conservation Districts; plan is to roll this project out at the fall banquet on September 11 if they are successful in getting the funding (individuals that know about it are quite interested); in regards to the native grass seeding, they would also follow USDA/NRCS guidelines and there could be some cost sharing; the tree plantings may be outside the Burleigh and Morton Counties area where the landowner may not have access to no till equipment; equipment would be mobile for the Bismarck region; the equipment would be used for Pheasants Forever members but the Game and Fish Department would have access to the equipment during the week; the producer/landowner is required to provide a match of labor for planting and weeding; viewing of a video regarding the proper use of the equipment would be required.

GR3-021 - Working Wetlands in North Dakota - Delta Waterfowl - \$1,750,000 - Directive C (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. John Devney stated that the concept they are proposing today focuses on small wetlands, less than two acres – the ones that have irregular hydrology, located in cropland. The program is based on 2013 county rental rates. It allows for all agricultural activities as conditions allow. This would be a voluntary pilot project with a 5 year term and delivered by NRCS. The pilot project is to test this concept – Delta Waterfowl does not have a short term mechanism to conserve wetlands in crop land. They want to means test it as well as garner the farmers input to see how to optimize the program for the producers benefit over the long term. Hope to use this project to learn more about how producers view wetlands. Work with NDSU Department of Agriculture to survey producers for real time feedback.

Mr. Devney responded to questions from the Board -- payments would be made on an annual basis; if the land operator plants the acreage they would still get their payment (the program is valuing the potential of that wetland basin--if the producer has a situation where he can go in and till those acres and get his yield from his normal agricultural practices the wetland basin is still providing the durable, public and habitat values); public access will not be a requirement--these are areas where ducks are made, not where they are shot; although Delta Waterfowl was not successful in getting funding through the NRCS RCCP program, the NRCS office has indicated that they would make \$3 million available for financial assistance payments to the producers; the \$3 million funding level is the same amount as was requested under the RCCP program; NRCS would provide a letter of commitment.

In regards to openness, Mr. Devney indicated that the NDSU would have the capacity to access information on a limited use basis. He discussed how they will be able to roll up acre figures and show information like other USDA programs--they would have a good general acreage sense of where the acres were deployed. It was noted that the producer could sign off on the release of information regarding the producers' participation in the program.

GR3-020 - Beaver Lake State Park Water Quality Enhancement - Logan County JDA - \$45,000 - Directive C. Mr. Eric Hoberg stated the project is Phase One of a two-phase project. Phase One would be acquiring the data to determine how much sediment and sludge is at bottom of lake and what can be done with it. The lake is underutilized because of the water quality. Landowners are

willing to do what needs to be done to fix problem, but it needs to be a comprehensive plan. He is asking for the grant to acquire the data.

Mr. Hoberg responded to questions from the Board. He noted that this funding would be used to acquire data--type of soil, sludge, consistency, amount of sludge, etc. He indicated he was not aware of previous assessments that had been done. Ms. Vetsch said an assessment was done through a joint cooperative effort through the Water Resource District in Logan County along with the Logan County Soil Conservation District a number of years ago. She stated that the Department of Health has funding and staff that will assist with doing such an assessment.

The Board took a fifteen minute break before resuming the presentations.

GR3-025 - Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative - Audubon Dakota - \$82,218 - Directive C (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Clay Whittlesey, Fargo Park District, and Ben Williams, Audubon Dakota, gave an overview of what was involved with this project and the benefits that would be gained. This project involves five parcels of land- two in downtown Fargo and three along the Red River corridor just south of Fargo. Management plans have been developed for all five parcels. OHF funding would be utilized for site preparation, seeding and reestablishing of the areas to native prairie. The work would be done by a professional restoration company with the Fargo Park District being responsible for the ongoing maintenance of these areas.

Mr. Whittlesey and Mr. Williams responded to questions from the Board regarding ownership of the parcels - 1 owned by the park district, 3 by the county and 1 by the city -- in the process of having all the properties deeded over to the park district - no OHF funds would be used for acquiring property. It was noted that there has been some challenges of getting this accomplished because of FEMA buyouts that are also taking place in the area; City Forester will be involved in the management of the properties--particularly the woodland habitat; urban bowhunt deer hunting will be allowed; the plants that will be seeded will be flood tolerant although not all the areas are flood prone; following laws regarding selection of contractors.

GR3-023 - Western ND Habitat Enhancement Projects - Mule Deer Foundation - \$480,900 - Directive A (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Ryan Krapp stated that this proposal is to partner with the Game and Fish PLOTS biologist and landowners to enhance and protect wildlife habitats across the western landscape--identify six different areas over the next three years.

Mr. Krapp responded to questions from the Board -- these projects would be on private lands although if federal land is adjacent to private lands the Forest Service would be invited to participate; matching funds still need to be raised--primarily from their North Dakota banquets; private contractors will be used for any prescribed burns; liability is covered through the private contractors; sites/private landowners have not yet been identified; prescribed burns are one choice of management--but not the only one--it will depend on the area; if a prescribed burn is used they will work with local fire departments; concern was expressed about the limited information that had been provided on what was being planned for plantings--these plantings are crucial because of erosion; and the work will be done with all wildlife in mind--not just mule deer.

GR3-07 - Ryan Lake Fishing and Recreation Development Project - Grand Forks Park District - \$200,015 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Bill Palmiscno indicated that the lake is located at the south end of Grand Forks. This project was started in 2009. With the assistance of the Game and Fish Department the District dredged a portion of the lake and put in riprap and is approximately 30% complete. The east end of the lake is deeper at approximately 16 feet deep. This project is to complete the entire lake so we have the ability for fish to live throughout the winter. Game and Fish comes every year and stocks the lake. This project would increase the water volume at the lake, increase fish survival in the winter months and stabilize the shoreline with rocks similar to the east third of the lake that has already been done.

Mr. Palmiscno responded to questions from the Board -- if the dredging needs to be done again (maybe every 10 years) the Park District would absorb that cost; Ryan Lake was built in 2006 and the water is pumped from the river and rainwater; when the Lake was partially dredged the Park District didn't have the funding to do the match for more of it to be dredged at that time; the rip-rapping is done with a gradual slope so the water is accessible for the fishermen; and this area is surrounded by homes and is expected to grow by 100 new homes in the next year or so.

GR3-012 - Drayton Campground - Drayton Park Board - \$295,000 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Ross Lambert stated the proposal is for the construction of a 70 unit RV park including water, sewer, electric, Wi-Fi. Eventually they will have some primitive sites where there will be native grasses. It is a \$453,000 project and the Drayton Park Board has dedicated \$150,000 to the project and are requesting \$295,000 from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. He noted that they will be planting additional trees and converting the bare land into a park and recreation area. A gift of \$110,000 from American Crystal Sugar will be used to purchase the land. (Cost of the land is \$120,000.)

Mr. Lambert responded to questions from the Board -- the park is not in the city limits; generally after September 1 the camping sites in the current parks are filled with workers from the American Crystal Sugar Beet Plant--this will probably be the case for the new park.

GR3-013 - Park River Parks & Recreation - Phase 1 Campground and Three-Plex Ball Field - Park River Parks and Recreation - \$1,095,020 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Kyle Halvorson stated the project includes a three-plex ball diamond and construction of a twenty unit RV park. The applicant will convert the 40 acres of donated land into an outdoor ball field with new trees and the campground facility.

In response to a question regarding what the typical life of a ball park is, Mr. Bina said a chain link fence and back stop are good for 15 to 20 years; ball fields that are being built with artificial turf last 15 years.

GR3-06 - Graner Park Bank Stabilization - Morton County Parks - \$187,650 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Tim Nilson stated that Graner Park is about 19 miles south of Mandan on 45.3 acres with 50 electric camping sites and 100 primitive sites. The Missouri River is eroding the north part of the park. The OHF funding would be used to stabilize the bank and protect the camping sites, playground equipment, shelters, fish cleaning stations, sewer system and water system. Mr. Mike Aubol, the county engineer, gave the specifications on the project.

Mr. Nielson and Mr. Aubol responded to questions from the Board - Corps of Engineers approval has been recommended, they will need to have a public comment period which will take 6 months; Corps of Engineers is not contributing anything--they only contribute to these types of projects if there are archeological significance; this project will not recapture the 25 to 40 feet, however, the final determination will be based on the Corps' recommendation--they want to end up with a uniform riverbank; since the difference in cost between a slope from 2:1 to 3:1 is small they may go to a 3.1 slope; the flood resulted in a large sandbar on the east side which has resulted in more shoreline being eroded each year on the west side of the river -- 5 feet per year; comment period is just beginning; engineering is being provided by Morton County; and current rip-rap installed in 1997 has been virtually maintenance free.

GR3-04 - ADA Accessible Restroom & Shower Facility for Park Recreation - New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation - \$100,000 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Ms. Sarah Smith Warren gave the presentation. Request is for an ADA restroom, shower facility (overflow shower facility for the campgrounds) and recreation administration area--a facility that meets basic needs but is very important to the community. There were no questions.

GR3-016 - Sandhills Archery Club Landscaping - Sandhills Archery Club - \$61,000 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Brian Hage stated that the biggest focus of this

project is to control some of the drainage in the park of about 26 acres. He said they are starting a Junior Olympic Archery Development program – they have an adult program as well. The biggest thing is drainage sometimes they can't get to parts of the range until July. They need trees along the north side for protection from the wind.

Mr. Hage responded to questions from the Board -- the outside range is for members but during the winter the indoor areas are open to the public Monday through Friday; winter time (January - April) allows more access to nonmembers than the summer time does; costs for an individual is \$125/per year and \$155/per family (children 18 and under); he was uncertain as to whether or not this project would qualify for soil conservation trees.

GR3-02 - Northwood Ice Rink - Northwood Hockey Boosters - \$55,000 - Directive D Mr. Donovan Bye provided a history of their organization. They have joined USA Hockey and 3 years ago he had 86 kids in the program ranging from 4-19 years old and 20 adults in a league and serve a number of communities in addition to Northwood. The program supplies equipment/gear for everyone. They have a piece of land by the school and are erecting a shelter to put over the rink. They would like a new set of boards – the current ones belong to the Park District.

Mr. Bye responded to questions from the Board -- they have obtained the matching funds through other funding sources; they will need to get additional funding in 2015 although they have some verbal commitments for funding.

The Board took a twenty minute lunch break before resuming the presentations. Conflicts of interest forms were to be turned in.

GR3-05 - Wilderness Wellness Walking Path - City of Beulah and Coal Country Community Health Center - \$634,000 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Dr. Aaron Garman gave the presentation and they would like to get a walking path through town, Beulah has very few sidewalks. Safety is a big issue. The walkway would connect the entire city together and provide green spaces along the way and get some exercise. They would like to get the project done next spring. He told the Board this is not a want – they need the Board's help – to get people motivated, get kids moving off the couch, outside hunting and fishing. He said they need safe access around Beulah.

Dr. Garman responded to questions from the Board -- the City of Beulah has agreed to do the ongoing maintenance on the walking path and the green spaces and plantings along the path; the walking path is all within the city limits; \$211,000 of city sales tax is committed to this project for one year; and no other grants have been pursued for this program.

GR3-027 - Pedestrian Trail Improvements along ND Hwy 13 City of LaMoure, ND - City of LaMoure - \$97,500 - Directive D (A handout is available in the Commission files.) Mr. Jerod Klabundle stated that this proposal is for a walking trail on the outskirts of LaMoure. The city is growing on the east side with a retail shopping area. They looked at sidewalks but aimed higher for a shared use trail for walking and biking, more than just a simple sidewalk. They would like to extend that trail system and make it a safe place to walk and bike. Police Chief Mattice said there is a lot of truck traffic on Highway 13 and there is a need for the trail. Mr. Klabundle said he did go to the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department program but they did not have enough money to fund all of the applications and this project did not rank high enough to obtain funding.

In response to a question regarding what safety is in place to cross the highway, Mr. Klabundle said there are crosswalk and pedestrian crossing signs. He said the trail would be in the state highway right of way, the district engineer supports it and it would be a city owned and maintained trail.

GR3-026 - TMBCI Sky Chief Park Playground Project - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians - \$40,000 - Directive D (Handouts are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Les Thomas along with

Cindy Malaterre, Harley St. Claire and Rick Davis presented the request for playground equipment. He stated that this equipment would be used by many children and would provide a safe place for play and encourages a healthy and productive lifestyle. He said the Skye Chief Park is on the scenic byway. Councilwoman Malaterre stated that the Tribe would be providing \$10,000 in match funding.

In response to a question regarding if there are user fees at Sky Chief Park for maintenance, Mr. Thomas said no. A lot of their people don't have money to pay user fees. Councilwoman Malaterre stated they have a program where elders come in and help with cleaning up the area. Just recently a group of youth came in and cleaned around the lake and they help with the mowing of the park. A police officer guards the lakes. Everything closes at 10:00 p.m. We have 5,000 kids that could use the playground equipment right now.

GR3-01 - Saving the Minot Retriever Club for Future Generations - The Minot Retriever Club - \$65,610 - Directive D (Slides are available in the Commission files.) Mr. Ed Sehn presented the mission and club history. They are located about 2.5 miles west of Burlington or 9 miles from Minot. They are an AKC Club. They did have some flood damage. The funds would go to preserve their ponds. The dam was built in the 1930's and was not maintained and will be breached this fall because of flood damage. When the dam is breached, the whole area will drain out and that would put them out of business. They will not be able to have AKC hunt tests or field trails. They want to put in a couple dikes to hold water and protect their ponds – that is what the grant would be used for. He reviewed the budget.

Mr. Sehn responded to questions from the Board and stated that only club members can use the grounds but the cost is only \$30 a year; they do allow other breeds of dogs occasionally; it is his understanding that the breaching of the dam will be done by the State of North Dakota; he has not started the permit process--were waiting to hear if they would be able to get some funding; the dam that is going to be breached is not on their property so it is out of their control and they don't know why it isn't being repaired.

GR3-017 - Brown Ranch Habitat Enhancement through Prescribed Grazing - The Nature Conservancy - \$16,889 - Directive C - (Will not be making presentation.) Points made: Wells have been dug and tanks are permanent 27,000 gallons capacity – 3 day storage.

In response to a question it was indicated that the Game and Fish Department did not have a program that would help funding of cross fencing; NRCS has the EQIP program and they had applied for that funding and had not ranked high enough to get funding. It was decided that based on a statement in the application this property would be open to public access for hunting. Mr. Moser said they have an agreement with a ranch in the area who has leased it for the last 12 years and part of the grazing association. Ms. Godfread said this ranch is one of last remaining tall grass prairie in eastern North Dakota. Grazing is important for management. It is an important site.

GR3-010 - Lake Tschida's Wildlife Conservation Planting, Recreation Project Walking Trail, Bird Observatory and Playground Rest Area - Tri-Cities Joint JDA - \$66,152 - Directive C - (Will not be making presentation.)

Ms. Fine stated the members and Technical Committee had a series of questions and the applicant did send the information which is on the summary sheet.

GR3-09 - Hankinson Park District Restroom Replacement Project - Hankinson Park District - \$19,250 - Directive D - (Will not be making presentation.)

Upon completion of hearing all the presentations, Chairman Moser opened the meeting for public comment on any of the projects. No comments were made.

Following a ten minute break Chairman Moser reconvened the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board meeting.

The Board completed and compiled the scoring sheets as they reviewed each of the applications.

Ms. Fine gave a summary report on Grant Round 1 Projects. (Attachment E is available in the Commission files.)

Ms. Vetsch gave an update on the North Dakota Statewide Conservation Tree Planting Initiative. Closed their first batch of applications on August 15. There were 383 applications, landowners and cities for park tree plantings and farmsteads - vast majority was for wildlife component plantings. This should be a very successful program. There would be 1.6 million feet of trees that would be planted. Total cost is \$1.3 million and with the 60/40% split that would result in \$795,000 being funded by OHF. There will be another batching period for 2015 tree plantings.

Mr. Bina gave an update on the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Trailhead/Neighborhood Park - he noted that the project is well underway - a cash donation has allowed them to proceed with the project as originally planned - project should be 100% done by next July or August.

Mr. Kevin Kading gave an update on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department Outdoor Heritage Habitat Initiative. They have obligated the \$1.5 million portion of the Outdoor Heritage fund dollars of this project - there has been considerable interest. \$200,000 of the Save Our Lakes portion has been obligated.

Ms. Fine gave a summary report on Grant Round 2 Projects. (Attachment F is available in the Commission files.) She said the summary pages and status reports on each project will be posted on the website in the near future.

The Board took a five minutes break.

The Board discussed each application as follows.

GR3-014 - Partnering with ND Producers to Promote Profitable Agriculture with Wildlife Benefits - Ducks Unlimited, Inc. - \$472,320 GR3-014 request for \$472,000

- There are limited tools for good wildlife cover on farmable acres - this is a good idea;
- This appears to be doable and would be good for wildlife;
- Concerns about winter wheat production.

There was some discussion on how much funding is available for this grant round.

GR3-024 - Private Land Aquatic Habitat Creation & Infrastructure Enhancement - Ducks Unlimited, Inc. - \$580,000 GR3-024

- This represents the only way these dams will be fixed - seems to do the things we want; matching funds of 30% and the dams shouldn't wash out;
- Concerns that the landowner has no skin in the game; can't support without landowner payment;
- OHF funding would be about \$5,100 per acre - that doesn't seem to be reasonable -- nearly \$600,000 to protect 112 acres - seems like small acreage for the investment;
- Some hunting benefit for upland game but not so much for waterfowl hunting;
- Value would be in duck production;
- Should look at this as an investment over 20 years versus a one-time cost;
- Would the applicant be willing to request a landowner commitment? This infrastructure needs to be fixed. There is value to this project.

GR3-022 - Conservation Cover Program (Pilot) - North Dakota Natural Resources Trust - \$3,525,000

- Questions about starting a whole new program; this is more a policy decision of whether the State wants to get into a state CRP program;
- Lands would be held by an organization and not the State - there are a number of unanswered questions;
- Should be discussed at the legislative level;
- As the CRP goes away, there needs to be something done on a broader scale -- we need to have a wildlife habitat cover program in the state to replace what is being lost; this application may not be the one but there needs to be a discussion on what we can do;
- Questioned whether the Trust has sufficient staff to handle this program; wasn't clear who would be delivering it--Game and Fish, NRCS? Game and Fish would not deliver it;
- Intent is to provide an income to the landowner for land that is not the best for farming;
- Any program developed would need to have a strict interpretation regarding what land would be eligible for the program;
- Concern about the counties that were targeted in this application.

GR3-03 - Wild Rice River Restoration & Riparian Project Phase II - Wild Rice Soil Conservation District - \$9,937

- Questioned whether the State Health Department requires an easement.

GR3-011 - North Dakota Pheasant Habitat Initiative - North Dakota Game and Fish Department - \$3,000,000

- This is the type of program that was envisioned with the OHF was created;
- This is similar to the previous proposal;
- Good project - it really is: "farm the best, leave the rest;" takes out the irregular pieced lands - not the large blocks of lands;
- All these acres would allow public access;
- This program could give the competitive advantage to a young producer working with the landowner to not have to pay for those acres that are not farmable. This could make a piece of land that currently is in agriculture production more profitable for the owner and more profitable for the wildlife/conservation community;
- This is different from CRP--it is not a perpetual easement;
- If this isn't funded, that \$34 million could go somewhere else but it has got to be used in conjunction with some program like this. Someone is going to have to step forward with some dollars in order to initiate that.
- This program has to go to a state agency.
- Implementation won't be until the spring or summer in 2015.

GR3-08 - Public Use Fishing Docks at Lake Metigoshe and Beaver Lake State Parks - ND Parks & Recreation Department - \$40,382

- Likes this project because it encourages people to access the outdoors.

GR3-015 - Fingal Wildlife Club Dam Restoration - Fingal Wildlife Club - \$35,500

- Game and Fish will restock it with fish but it will be difficult to get the trucks in to do so;
- Won't be a great fishery but will be a good local fishing opportunity;
- It will be much easier for individuals to gain access to fish.

GR3-018 - Bismarck PF Habitat Enhancement - Pheasants Forever Dakota Chapter, Bismarck - \$60,000

- A project where the applicant was denied and they came back with a better plan.

GR3-021 - Working Wetlands in North Dakota - Delta Waterfowl - \$1,750,000

- A great program and unique because it does provide something to landowner or producer for wetlands that otherwise are a hassle and have such wildlife benefits;
- They finally recognize the value of existing wetland instead of only valuing restored wetlands;
- Should there be a contingency requiring the commitment from NRCS;
- This type of program is being implemented in Canada - it is called ALUS (Alternate Land Use Services) - paying farmers for clean air, water, etc. It is a good concept.

GR3-020 - Beaver Lake State Park Water Quality Enhancement - Logan County JDA - \$45,000

- Study should be done first and then come to the OHF if there is a need for funding for the work on restoring the lake.

GR3-025 - Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative - Audubon Dakota - \$82,218

- This is outdoor heritage opportunity in an urban setting and it makes sense;
- Do parks have expertise to maintain the native grasses after they have been established? Response was yes - the larger park districts like Fargo have turf experts - places like this are important and valuable to an urban setting;
- Long term maintenance can be done;
- This one nailed it for Directive D in an urban setting.

GR3-023 - Western ND Habitat Enhancement Projects - Mule Deer Foundation - \$480,900

- Like this one - puts the money out west; looks like a challenge to do.
- Know there is concern about doing burns;
- Not in favor of this application because there has been inadequate planning; didn't know what would be planted; didn't know how they would prevent erosion; more planning is needed and more detail provided;
- Perhaps this is one where they should come back with a complete management plan;
- Great program but need more information; if not juniper then you get a lot of Canadian Thistle and leafy spurge.

GR3-07 - Ryan Lake Fishing and Recreation Development Project - Grand Forks Park District - \$200,015

- Is this a realistic opportunity to be an active fishing urban lake? Is it too costly? Response - they can make it work.
- Would not recommend it at the funding level that is requested.
- Could be a good local fishery with restocking every year.
- Questioned whether the community is 100% behind this request.
- Doesn't need to have fishing in the winter; it is a great place for kids to play--to go sledding, etc.
- This area is used by kids that know about it--there is a marketing issue that not everyone knows there is a Ryan Lake located in the community.
- This project brings the outdoors to urban kids.
- Not certain what the funding level should be.
- This lake is of similar size to the pond at Game & Fish.

GR3-012 - Drayton Campground - Drayton Park Board - \$295,000

- Drayton, Park River and Northwood are excellent cooperators with the North Dakota Forest Service - have local support and are great to work with;
- Concern about building roads; installing Wi-Fi;
- There has been a dramatic increase in camping but you need to have bathrooms at these campgrounds;
- Should be contingent upon the land being purchased and owned by the park board;
- Funding needs to be for a complete project - if they can't raise the funds for a bathroom, it won't be successful;

- Concerned about American Crystal providing the funds for the land with the understanding that the campsites will be used by their employees - is this a campsite for camping?
- American Crystal only uses it in the fall when processing beets - in summer there wouldn't be that impact.

GR3-013 - Park River Parks & Recreation - Phase 1 Campground and Three-Plex Ball Field - Park River Parks and Recreation

- We don't have a policy on recreational projects - it is each Board member's interpretation of what is mean by conserving natural areas;
- Like the campground part of this project - fits more with the directives;
- Supportive of the entire project; the local community knows what their needs are and they submitted both parts of this project;
- We haven't been funding engineering so there should be an adjustment in the funding level if we are going to be consistent.

GR3-06 - Graner Park Bank Stabilization - Morton County Parks - \$187,650

- This is needed. Game and Fish Department is supportive.
- If the Army Corps of Engineers won't do anything, stream bank erosion is natural, let it erode;
- This is a shore fishing area.

GR3-04 - ADA Accessible Restroom & Shower Facility for Park Recreation - New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation - \$100,000

- There is community support; not asking for much but would contribute a great deal to the small town; this fits the directive of development of parks; can make a difference.
- We should impact as many people as possible with the expenditure of funds. Some projects may not seem grandiose, but they're important to that community.
- Every town needs an ADA accessible bathroom. Unless there's a true outdoor heritage, it doesn't fit. Urban playgrounds, bathrooms, swimming pools do not fit the OHF mission. They are great projects but they don't fit this program.
- Bathrooms are important. Rather have the communities fund the bathrooms and the OHF providing the funding for ancillary things.

GR3-016 - Sandhills Archery Club Landscaping - Sandhills Archery Club - \$61,000

- It was thought that they would be eligible for the Soil Conservation trees;
- Have some questions about the charges for usage?

GR3-02 - Northwood Ice Rink - Northwood Hockey Boosters - \$55,000

- Are there other funding sources for this type of project outside of local support? Response was -- grant opportunities are limited.
- Questions whether this meets Directive D;
- North Dakota Parks and Recreation would look at this type of application under their Land and Water grants but it would rank low.

GR3-05 - Wilderness Wellness Walking Path - City of Beulah and Coal Country Community Health Center - \$634,000

- Concern about the trails all within the city;
- There are a lot of trucks on Highway 49 and it is difficult to access any of the natural areas without going on Highway 49. It is a good project and a good idea to get the individuals off of Highway 49.

GR3-027 - Pedestrian Trail Improvements along ND Hwy 13 City of LaMoure, ND - City of LaMoure

- Retail entities should be putting funds into this project -- they are getting the business from the individuals;

- Good project but not sure this is the source of funds.

GR3-026 - TMBCI Sky Chief Park Playground Project - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians - \$40,000

- Would like to fund a project for this area; the applicant has a passion to get something done for their community; not sure this one fits with this program.
- Important to have a safe place for the children to play; unclear from the proposal as to how close this park is to where the children live.

GR3-01 - Saving the Minot Retriever Club for Future Generations - The Minot Retriever Club - \$65,610

- Uncertain if they fully understand the undertaking they are proposing. Putting in dams is a massive step;
- Getting the permits may take longer than they had anticipated;
- Would like to understand why the dam is being breached? Ms. Fine said the Water Commission noted the dam isn't going to be breached, only modified by removing the gates to the spillway so the pool level will be reduced by several feet and the storage capacity is increased so the 2011 flood situation does not happen again.

GR3-017 - Brown Ranch Habitat Enhancement through Prescribed Grazing - The Nature Conservancy - \$16,889

- Includes some mobile equipment; we haven't generally funded -- may need to change how the dollars would be allocated;
- Has applied for funding from other programs and been turned down.

GR3-010 - Lake Tschida's Wildlife Conservation Planting, Recreation Project Walking Trail, Bird Observatory and Playground Rest Area - Tri-Cities Joint JDA - \$66,152

- Largest portion of the cost of this project is for playground equipment.

GR3-09 - Hankinson Park District Restroom Replacement Project - Hankinson Park District - \$19,250

- It is another bathroom but people can't go to the park unless there are bathroom facilities. It improves the entire park.

Mr. Moser asked the Board to complete the Ranking Sheets for the compilation of proposed funding awards. Each Board member handed in their funding pages and the results were compiled.

Mr. Moser listed the ten projects that did not get six or more votes for funding at some level. They are 14, 22, 20, 23, 4, 2, 27, 26, 1 and 9. He asked if anyone wanted any of those projects voted on separately. No one asked for a separate vote.

**It was moved by Mr. Bina and seconded by Mr. Melchior that the following applications not be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Grant Round 3 funding:**

1. **GR3-014 - Partnering with ND Producers to Promote Profitable Agriculture with Wildlife Benefits;**
2. **GR3-022 - Conservation Cover Program (Pilot);**
3. **GR3-020 - Beaver Lake State Park Water Quality Enhancement;**
4. **GR3-023 - Western ND Habitat Enhancement Projects;**
5. **GR3-004 - ADA Accessible Restroom & Shower Facility for Park Recreation;**
6. **GR3-002 - Northwood Ice Rink;**
7. **GR3-027 - Pedestrian Trail Improvements along ND Hwy 13 City of Lamoure, ND;**
8. **GR3-026 - TMBCI Sky Chief Park Playground Project;**
9. **GR3-001 - Saving the Minot Retriever Club for Future Generations; and**
10. **GR3-009 - Hankinson Park District Restroom Replacement Project. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reieron, Stockdill and**

**Aasmundstad voted aye and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

Ms. Fine disclosed that there had been one conflict of interest - Ms. Stockdill on GR3-018 and GR3-023.

The Board then voted on the remaining Funding Award Recommendations in the order they were presented.

**It was moved by Mr. Hutchens and seconded by Mr. Bina that the Private Land Aquatic Habitat Creation & Infrastructure Enhancement application submitted by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. (GR3-024) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$551,000 with a contingency that the producer contribute a 5% match.**

It was clarified that that the funding from the 5% match would come off the \$580,000 request so the total that would be required from the Outdoor Heritage Fund is \$551,000. There was discussion regarding the costs per acre; the anticipated life of these projects; the long term benefit of these projects; whether or not the engineering costs should be removed from the funding; the value of having the producer take some ownership of the costs for the project; high costs for a few projects which is similar to some of the waste systems that have been funded although in those cases the producer has a 40% share in the project and have an impact on rivers where these are stock dams where the water isn't going anywhere.

**On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, Hutchens, Reierson, and Stockdill voted aye and Aasmundstad, J. Godfread, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion failed.**

**It was moved by Mr. Godfread and seconded by Ms. Godfread that the Wild Rice River Restoration & Riparian Project Phase II submitted by the Wild Rice Soil Conservation District (GR3-003) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$9,937.**

There was a discussion on exactly what was being funded and whether an easement was required by the Health Department. It was indicated that 363 acres would be impacted by the easement and the implementation of best management practices.

**On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Melchior, Stockdill and Wogsland voted aye and Aasmundstad, Kuylen, Moser and Reierson voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Reierson and seconded by Ms. Stockdill that the North Dakota Pheasant Habitat Initiative submitted by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department (GR3-011) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reierson, Stockdill and Aasmundstad voted aye and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Wogsland and seconded by Mr. Aasmundstad that the Public Use Fishing Docks at Lake Metigoshe and Beaver Lake State Parks application submitted by the North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department (GR3-08) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,382. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reierson, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and Stockdill voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Kuylen and seconded by Mr. Godfread that the Fingal Wildlife Club Dam Restoration application submitted by the Fingal Wildlife Club (GR3-015) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$35,500. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and no one voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Melchior and seconded by Ms. Stockdill that the Bismarck PF Habitat Enhancement application submitted by Pheasants Forever Dakota Chapter, Bismarck (GR3-018) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed GR3-018 in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.**

It was suggested that because they are not using the program for trees that the OHF has already funded perhaps there should be a lesser amount awarded although what they are proposing to do is great.

**On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and no one voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Aasmundstad and seconded by Ms. Godfread that the Working Wetlands in North Dakota application submitted by Delta Waterfowl (GR3-021) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount to exceed \$1,750,000 with the contingency we receive a letter from NRCS with the \$3,000,000 commitment.**

After discussion on setting a specific time for receiving the NRCS letter of commitment it was moved by Mr. Reiersen and seconded by Mr. Hutchens to amend the previous motion to require receipt of a letter prior to the next Industrial Commission meeting on this grant round from NRCS with the \$3,000,000 commitment.

After further discussion the amendment was revised to require receipt of a letter prior to October 24. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and no one voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.

**The Board then voted on the original motion as amended. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill, and Aasmundstad voted aye and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Bina and seconded by Ms. Stockdill that the Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative application submitted by Audubon Dakota (GR3-025) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$82,218. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill and Aasmundstad voted aye and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Aasmundstad and seconded by Mr. Kuylen that the Ryan Lake Fishing and Recreation Development Project application submitted by the Grand Forks Park District (GR3-007) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.**

It was noted that the lesser amount would require the applicant to come up with some funding and show their support for the project.

**On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Moser, Reierson, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and Melchior and Stockdill voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Wogsland and seconded by Mr. Hutchens that the Drayton Campground application submitted by the Drayton Park Board (GR3-012) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$295,000. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen and Wogsland voted aye and Aasmundstad, J. Godfread, Melchior, Moser, Reierson and Stockdill voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion failed.**

There was discussion on funding a lesser amount and that the funding be used only for the site work, and water and sewer hookups.

**It was moved by Mr. Godfread and seconded by Mr. Wogsland that the Drayton Campground application submitted by the Drayton Park Board (GR3-012) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 contingent upon using the funds for site development and water and sewer hookups. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Reierson, Stockdill, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and Melchior and Moser voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Wogsland and seconded by Mr. Hutchens that the Park River Parks & Recreation- Phase 1 Campground and Three-Plex Ball Field application submitted by Park River Parks and Recreation (GR3-013) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,095,020.**

There was discussion on spending \$800,000 on the ball field portion of the application; support was expressed for the campground. It was noted that the application also included engineering costs which we have not been funding in the past.

**It was moved by Mr. Reierson and seconded by Mr. Aasmundstad that the motion be amended to reduce the funding to the level of \$240,000 with the contingency that the funding only be used for the campground and the funding could not be used for engineering costs. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Moser, Reierson and Aasmundstad voted aye and Melchior, Stockdill and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**The Board then took up the original motion as amended at the \$240,000 level for the campground portion of the application and a contingency that no funds be expended on engineering costs. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Moser, Reierson, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and Melchior and Stockdill voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Kuylen and seconded by Mr. Melchior that the Graner Park Bank Stabilization application submitted by Morton County Parks (GR3-006) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$187,650. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reierson, Stockdill and Wogsland voted aye and Aasmundstad voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Reiersen and seconded by Mr. Kuylen that the Sandhills Archery Club Landscaping application submitted by the Sandhills Archery Club (GR3-016) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.**

Mr. Reiersen stated that he was recommending the reduced funding level of \$40,000 because he sensed that there were concerns for full funding. Because this supports outdoor recreation he is supportive of the project. Mr. Kuylen stated that he had seconded the motion because the reduced funding level was eliminating the funding for the playground equipment.

**On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Reiersen and Wogsland voted aye and Aasmundstad, J. Godfread, Melchior, Moser and Stockdill voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Ms. Godfread and seconded by Mr. Hutchens that the Wilderness Wellness Walking Path application submitted by the City of Beulah and Coal Country Community Health Center, (GR3-005) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.**

There was discussion that this may be classified as a walking trail but it appears to be a continuation of a sidewalk through the City of Beulah. This application, similar to the LaMoure application, is a sidewalk in the city limits. Questioned what were the conservation aspects of these projects.

**On a roll call vote C. Godfread, Hutchens, and Wogsland voted aye and Bina, J. Godfread, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill and Aasmundstad voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion failed.**

**It was moved by Mr. Melchior and seconded by Ms. Godfread that the Brown Ranch Habitat Enhancement through Prescribed Grazing application submitted by The Nature Conservancy (GR3-017) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$16,889.**

There was discussion regarding whether the equipment should be funded; suggestion was made limiting the funding to be used just for the tanks.

**It was moved by Mr. Kuylen and seconded by Ms. Stockdill that the motion be amended to not to exceed \$16,000 with the contingency that the Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars be spent entirely on the tanks. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen, Stockdill, Wogsland and Aasmundstad voted aye and no one voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**The Board then voted on the motion as amended at the not to exceed \$16,000 limit with funding to be used for just the tanks. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, Hutchens, Kuylen, Melchior, Moser, Reiersen and Stockdill voted aye and Aasmundstad, J. Godfread and Wogsland voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

**It was moved by Mr. Melchior and seconded by Mr. Hutchens that the Lake Tschida's Wildlife Conservation Planting, Recreation Project Walking Trail, Bird Observatory and Playground Rest Area application submitted by the Tri-Cities Joint JDA (GR3-010) be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in an amount not to exceed \$66,152. On a roll call vote Bina, C. Godfread, J. Godfread, Hutchens, Melchior, Stockdill and Wogsland voted aye and Aasmundstad, Kuylen, Moser and Reiersen, voted nay with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried. Mr. Kuylen indicated that he voted no because it included \$36,000 for playground equipment.**

Mr. Moser reported that the total funds approved for grants today is \$5,752,839.

Mr. Moser raised the agenda item for the election of Advisory Board Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**It was moved by Mr. Aasmundstad and seconded by Mr. Kuylen that the Board cast a unanimous vote that the current officers remain the same with Mr. Moser continuing to serve as Chairman and Mr. Melchior continuing to serve as Vice Chairman. All members voted aye with Hoffman absent and not voting. The motion carried.**

Mr. Moser said he would consider doing one more year. He thinks this responsibility needs to be passed around so keep that in mind as we go down the road. Mr. Melchior said he agrees with Mr. Moser.

Mr. Moser discussed scheduling of the next Board meeting. Several dates were discussed and it was decided that December 15, 2014 will work the best. Ms. Fine encouraged the Board members to also hold December 16 just in case there are more than 30 applications. Mr. Moser stated that the Technical Committee will probably meet the week before Thanksgiving. He encouraged the Board to get their technical questions in so the Technical Committee can get answers to their questions

Dr. Hutchens ask if they could have an item added to their next meeting agenda to discuss Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars being used to support personnel and delivery of services – he would like to have it discussed again and he would be prepared to make an argument that we should be considering some reasonable amount for delivery of programs. Mr. Moser asked Ms. Fine to make a note of that.

There was discussion regarding how to proceed with resolving the questions and issues discussed when consideration was given to the Natural Resources Trust application. Some points discussed included:

- Who should be defining what the issues are when discussing this topic--producers, wildlife interests, legislators?
- Should input be requested from the Industrial Commission?
- If this is to be a legislative policy issue should there be discussion with legislators?
- Is there a role for the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board in these discussions?
- Should we be waiting for something to happen or should we be asking people to weigh in on this issue?
- The sooner we have resolution as to whether the Outdoor Heritage Fund should be providing funding will determine if we will consider applications.

Mr. Moser said he would ask Representative Porter if he has any input he would like to provide.

Ms. Stockdill said she was asked by an organization if the Fund would be willing to fund outreach and education. She knew that had been discussed but there are a number of aspects to outreach and education. The response was that it had previously been discussed as being a part of research and we have chosen not to fund research.

**It was moved by Mr. Melchior and seconded by Mr. Godfred to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Being no further business, Chairman Moser adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

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Wade Moser, Chairman

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Recording Secretary