INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION AWARDS $5.2 MILLION FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Bismarck, ND – The Industrial Commission today approved $5,202,225 in Outdoor Heritage Fund grants for 16 projects.

“We are impressed with these projects recommended to us by the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board that will protect and enhance North Dakota’s resources across the entire state,” commission members said in a joint statement.

The Industrial Commission, chaired by Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Chairman, and including Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, oversees the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

The 2013 Legislature appropriated up to $30 million per biennium from oil and gas production tax revenue to support outdoor recreation and conservation projects including access to public and private lands for outdoor activities, farming and ranching stewardship practices, fish and wildlife habitat preservation, and outdoor recreation areas. A total of $19,312,625 has been awarded during the biennium.

The projects approved are:
- $1,200,000 - North Dakota Waterbank Program – ND Department of Agriculture
- $975,000 - Crooked Crane Trail Exercise & Fitness Loop – City of Dickinson
- $695,424 - LaMoure County Memorial Park Streambank Restoration Project – LaMoure County Soil Conservation District
- $480,900 - Western ND Habitat Enhancement Projects – Mule Deer Foundation
- $472,912 - Stump Lake Park Bank Restoration – Nelson County Park Board
- $253,500 - Riparian Grazing Systems Project – Stutsman County Soil Conservation District
- $216,781 - Norsemen Outdoor Education Center – Norsemen Archers, Inc.
- $215,374 - Fox Island Boat Ramp Bank Stabilization – Bismarck Parks and Recreation District
- $197,550 - Sheyenne River Bank Stability Restoration Project - Phase 1 Bjornson Golf Course – Valley City Parks and Recreation Department
- $150,000 - Harmon Lake Campground Expansion – Morton County Water Resource District
- $180,000 - Drayton Campground – Drayton Park Board
- $60,000 - TMBCI Sky Chief Park Fishing Pier Project – Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI)
- $45,174 - Dead Colt Creek Recreational Playground Project – Ransom County Water Resource District
- $25,000 - Beach City Park Northside Playground – Beach City Park Board
- $20,902 - Handicap Accessible Fishing Pier at Sheep Creek Dam – Grant County Water Resource District
- $13,708 - Sargent County Silver Lake Park "Playplaces and Gathering Spaces" Renovations Project – Sargent County Park Board & Commissioners –

The next application deadline is April 1, 2015. More information about the program, including the application process can be found on the Outdoor Heritage Fund website. [http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm](http://www.nd.gov/ndic/outdoor-infopage.htm).

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