

July 24, 2023 Valley County Recreation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

- April called meeting to order 5:35
- Present: Recreation Director Larry Laxson, Valley County Recreation Planner Dave Bingaman, April Whitney, Cameron Sena, Jim Kulm, Shane Hinson, Drew Kersh, Eric Weiseth, Emily Bettin and Mike Heyer, we have quorum
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- Last meeting minutes, motion by Shane Hinson to approve, April Whitney seconds, board passes.
- Valley County Pickleball Club. They have bids to install 3 courts from a company out of Utah and can start in August. They have enough money for three courts. Asking county for \$150,000 to build three additional courts. Shane Hinson motions we send a letter of support for the county to pay an additional \$150,000 to build the additional courts. Jim Klum seconds, motion passes.
- Larry Laxson is asking for letters of support for various upcoming projects. Larry mentioned trying to get County control of an unmaintained forest service boat ramp on Lake Cascade (Campbell Creek).
- Council member priorities. Emily Bettin priorities are for people of Valley County to have a better quality of life. She would like to see a sports complex. Public land access should be a huge priority. Expand avalanche and public safety.
- Drew Kersh. He has a motorized background. He would like to have better mapping, such as what the snowmobile club uses. He would like to try and help disperse users to other areas. Could the chamber help? April gave some ways to get funding from ITC. UTV and motorcycle trails maps are not very good.
- Much discussion off of Drews maps comments. We need to have more information on a website that we can download and is independent of the county website. With the current website maintained by the county, we have to go through the administrator to make changes. Very

cumbersome and slow. Larry thinks this is an old and antiquated system. Eric is giving Larry a contact that can help develop a recreation website. Larry and Dave would like to have an independent site just for recreation. Larry and Dave would like the ability to update the website.

- Outlying areas discussion. What are the needs of the outlying areas? How can we help? We need to ask the people out there. Powerline Trail would be put in by Perpetua if they get permitted. It would be also used for a groomed snowmobile trail. Larry to talk with Deadwood managers.
- Immerging opportunities: Better website. Better mapping.
- Larry took Commissioner Thompson to all rec sites (9 hours). He is getting involved and engaged.
- Meeting adjourned. 6:48