

Official Proceedings of the Stutsman County Commission

March 26, 2009

At 2:37 p.m., Chairman Klose called the special meeting of the Stutsman County Park Board to order. Dennis Ova, Dale Marks, Doug Kaiser, Craig Neys, Mark T. Klose, Robert Woodward and Mark Schlecht answered roll call. Also present were Dennis Lorenz, County Park Superintendent and Fritz Fremgen, State's Attorney.

The meeting was called to address issues at the Marina.

Klose stated that it was very possible that the water could be close to the spillways of the Jamestown Dam. Johnson stated that in 1997 the dike was at 1447 and the spillway was at 1454. The Marina Concessionaire, Mike Kesler, had been contacted to get his equipment moved from the marina building.

Lorenz reported that the water was at 1433.72 feet at the present time. The sidewalk in front of the Marina was at an elevation of 1444.12 feet. The peak of the Marina building was 1458.12 feet and the roadway going into the Marina was at an elevation of 1449.92 feet.

Kaiser asked if it would be possible to move the building. Lorenz said that he had tried to contact movers but had not been successful. Kaiser said the building was in too good of shape not to try to get it moved and that moving it would be cheaper than having to build a new building. The building is approximately 24' X 45' and is bolted down with anchor bolts. A house mover would be able to move the building without damaging it.

Lorenz reported that the north end of the parking lot had an elevation of 1456.35 feet and the bathhouse on the beach was at an elevation of 1454.46 feet. Kaiser said that it could be sandbagged. Lorenz was more worried about the 3 to 4 feet of ice.

Johnson said that if the building could get jacked up, with the building size, even a mobile home mover could move the building. Mobile home movers might not be able to because of the jacks required to lift the building. Time was an important element.

Lorenz reported on more elevations: bridge road going to island – 1440', intersection – 1449', parking lot across the road – 1451'. The docks would have to be dug out of snow. The ice needs to be chipped out of road to get there.

Johnson wondered if the new bathhouse would be damaged. Lorenz said the water should not hurt the building and that it was somewhat sheltered back in the bay so should not be hit as hard with ice as the marina.

Lorenz said that Todd Krebsbach would allow dirt from his area up north of the Reservoir to be used. It would be a complete mess considering the moisture factor of the soil at this time.

The Commissioners agreed that if a mover could be found that it would be best to move the Marina building out.

Johnson said that option A was moving the building what was option B.

Kesler said he had provisions to get his equipment out of the building today. Johnson told him to keep track of expenses. The fuel tanks probably had about 280 gallons in them. Lorenz said that they could

get them out to save them. Klose said to get a plumber and electrician out to get that part taken care of. Schlecht said no matter if the building gets moved or not the plumbing needs to be sealed and the electricity cut.

Klose asked what was the backup plan – sandbagging or burning the building. Kaiser said it would be a shame to burn it.

Lorenz also said that Pelican Point would go under. The buildings there did not have as much value as the Marina's. The bait house at the Marina is on skids, the bolts could be removed, and it could be gotten out of there.

Lorenz stated that the cabins were built at 1454', if there was any improvement below that there would be problems. Septic systems would fail. Kaiser said that the County was not responsible for the cabins and Klose said that they did need to contact them. Fremgen said that he did put out a press release regarding the issues needed to be addressed.

Klose asked again what needs to be done if a mover can't be found for the Marina. The number of days available before the water was discussed. Ova and Kaiser felt that a mover could be located within the five or six days available. Schlecht said that building would have to be dismantled if a mover was not located, it could not be allowed to get into the reservoir.

The members agreed that sandbagging the building would not pay off. It would be nothing but a big mess.

Schlecht made a motion that was seconded by Woodward to contact a mover to move the Marina building. Roll call vote – Woodward, Schlecht, Ova, Marks, Kaiser, Neys and Klose voted aye.

Klose stated that if a mover was not found another meeting would need to be called to decide the course of action.

Johnson stated that the Courthouse maintenance staff should be able to get the preliminary work done in order to move the building.

Lorenz said that he needed to have his position be reinstated, as of March 23, 2009, to be back at work for the season. Kaiser made a motion and seconded by Neys to have Lorenz's season start date as March 23, 2009. Motion carried.

Johnson said a letter to the cabin owners regarding issues would be sent out immediately.

Another special meeting would be set for Monday, March 30, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Ova made a motion to adjourn. Marks seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Noel A. Johnson
County COO (Auditor)

Mark Klose
Commission Chairman