

Minutes of a Meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Advisory Board
Held on June 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. MST
Beach Community Center, Beach ND

Present: Robert Kuylen, OHF Advisory Board Chairman
Brian Amundson, OHF Advisory Board
Dr. Joseph Carlson, OHF Advisory Board
Patsy Crooke, OHF Advisory Board
David Dewald, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Dokken, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Jacobson, OHF Advisory Board
Randy Kreil, OHF Advisory Board
Rachel Retterath, OHF Advisory Board
Tom Claeys, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Rhonda Kelsch, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Jeb Williams, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)

Also Present: A complete list of attendees is available in the Commission files. The meeting was also available by Microsoft Teams so not all attendees are known.

Chairman Robert Kuylen called the meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board (“Board”) to order at 9:25 a.m. MST with a quorum being present. Jay Elkin, Brad Erickson, and Dana Kaldor were unable to attend this meeting.

It was moved by Pasty Crooke and seconded by David Dewald that the Board approve the October 14, 2023 meeting minutes. A modification was requested to add the conversation around holding a special meeting to discuss policy reviews prior to the fall 2023 grant round. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Reice Haase gave a 68th legislative session update relative to the Outdoor Heritage Fund. OHF was appropriated \$15 million for the 2023-2025 biennium (\$7.5 million/year). The Office of the Industrial Commission was approved for 2 new FTE’s – one grant administrator and one office support staff. The Office was also appropriated \$1.25 million for grant management software and records digitization, up to \$250,000 of which is transferred as an administration expense from the Outdoor Heritage Fund. House Bill 1014, which included these provisions, was signed by the Governor on May 9th and becomes effective July 1, 2023.

Mr. Haase gave a project management financial report. Since the inception of the Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Industrial Commission has awarded funding for 213 projects for a total of \$76,383,949 and received \$79,683,562 in income. The current funding by directive is as follows: A- 10%, B-56%, C-22% and D-12%. Every county in North Dakota has received OHF funds. Some of the projects that were completed since last meeting are as follows:

- i. 018-18: MAPLE River Bank Stabilization Project – Enderlin Park Board
 - Installed erosion control at Enderlin Park
 - \$37,007 original commitment, \$0 returned
- ii. 005-074: Windbreak Renovation Initiative – ND Forest Service

- Completed windbreak restorations, projecting 268 farmstead, 1,291.27 acres of cropland, and 4.9 miles of road
- \$1.8 million original commitment, \$181,731.96 returned
- iii. 009-105: Kathryn Dam Repurposing Project – Barnes County Water Resource District
 - Removed over 10,000 mussels, removed old dam, replaced with rock weirs to allow fish movement
 - \$159,505 original commitment, \$0 returned
- iv. 001-017: Outdoor Heritage Habitat Initiative
 - 19 Save Our Lakes agreements totaling 1,101.4 acres
 - 11 PLOTS agreements totaling 3,000 acres
 - \$1.9 million original commitment, \$0 returned
- v. 018-186 Clear Lake Park – Mountrail County
 - Installed new gazebos – repurposed from grain bins, planted 44 trees
 - \$25,370 original commitment, \$17.25 returned

There are currently 74 active projects, and the cash available for commitment in the Outdoor Heritage Fund is \$6.9 million.

Outdoor Heritage Fund (294)
 Financial Report - Cash Balance
2021-2023 Biennium
 June 16, 2023 OHF Advisory Board Meeting

	Cash Balance
July 1, 2021 Balance	\$ 36,056,487.97
Interest Revenue through March 31, 2023	\$ 72,681.93
Revenues through March 31, 2023	\$ 15,000,000.00
Returned Cash through March 31, 2023	\$ -
Grant Expenditures through March 31, 2023	\$ (7,673,614.04)
Administrative Expenditures through March 31, 2023	\$ (97,685.86)
	\$ 43,357,870.00
Outstanding Administrative Expenses (Estimated)	\$ (102,314.14)
Outstanding Project Commitments as of March 31, 2023	\$ (36,325,142.88)
Balance	\$ 6,930,412.98

Senate Bill 2014, (2021 Session)

OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE ALLOCATIONS - NORTH DAKOTA OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 57-51-15 relating to the allocations to the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund, for the period beginning September 1, 2021, and ending August 31, 2023, the state treasurer shall allocate eight percent of the oil and gas gross production tax revenue available under subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 to the North Dakota outdoor heritage fund, but not in an amount exceeding \$7,500,000 per fiscal year.

22-3 (D) Coyote Clay Target Range, Coyote Clay Target League – OHF funding request: \$293,158, Total Project Cost: \$517,849. Project Summary: The Coyote Clay Target League has grown into the largest youth league in the nation, but recently lost their range with the expansion of the City of Williston limits, and a new range is needed. The project would involve a new shooting range, including trap houses and a skeet range.

Mr. Robert Blanton gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: there will be concessions to help generate money to pay for upkeep, they will charge for shells and clays, host raffles, leagues, and host tournaments for adults and school age. There is a target league that would compete on this range, but they would open it up to the public to shoot on the range as well. They will also offer coaches to educate the public that want to learn. The applicant stated that they have a 25-year lease on the 400 acres of land which option to renew.

22-1 (D) Napoleon Pedestrian Trail, City of Napoleon – OHF funding request: \$1,050,000, Total Project Cost: \$1,400,000. Project Summary: Construction of pedestrian trail to connect recreation facilities throughout the City of Napoleon; constructed with concrete, higher capital cost but lower maintenance costs.

Mr. Grant Dockter gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: It will be concrete, not pavement. The trail will be used by groups such as the 4H club, all the school classes, FFA. The trail will be a 7ft wide trail and would create better access to the recreational area and allows kids to safely get to the lake. It is 100% ADA accessible. The City of Napoleon is fully committed to keeping up on the maintenance of the trail.

22-2 (C) Katz Dam Fish Passage, McLean County Water Resource District – OHF funding request: \$112,572.75, Total Project Cost: \$150,097. Project Summary: Construction of fish passage to bypass barrier created by Katz Dam on Painted Woods Creek, would open 11 additional miles of the stream above the Missouri River; 2021 project used Water Commission funds to address low-head dam issue; USACE 404 permit would need to be modified to allow construction of fish passage.

Mr. Lynn Oberg, Mr. Roger Clay, and Mr. AJ Tuck gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: It is a relatively big watershed, and it receives discharges from McClusky Canal at New Johns Lake. There will be about 75% access to the 11 miles- some is private land, but there are some agreements in place with landowners. Once the final Lost Lake passage is completed, the fish can get to New John's Lake. It is a side channel, so it will not take the brunt of a big flood, and the boulders will provide resting and holding places. Due to the size of this project, the county water board is able to cover the match so that is why they did not feel the need to go to Game and Fish as well.

22-4 (C) Turkeys Enhancing Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat, National Wild Turkey Federation – OHF funding request: \$200,000, Total Project Cost: \$356,913. Project Summary: The project involves

enhancement of 1,500 acres of habitat by providing financial assistance for both public and private land enhancement at no less than 3:1 match.

Mr. Clayton Lenk gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to the questions, the applicant stated: They rely heavily on partners with these projects to help with contracts and due diligence. Most of their partnerships are with Fish and Wildlife Services.

The Advisory Board took a 5-minute break.

22-5 (B) ND Statewide Tree Planting Initiative, ND Conservation District Employees Association – OHF funding request: \$2,550,000, Total Project Cost: \$4,183,333. Project Summary: The project involves providing up to 75% cost-share to North Dakota landowners for the purpose of installing and maintaining trees.

Ms. Sarah Tunge gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: It looks like there is currently \$2 million available from last year's grant, but that has already been allocated to this year's tree planting. There is some overlap with the grant rounds and tree planting due to the times of the tree planting. They do work with other organizations to leverage these funds such as the ND Forester Restoration program.

22-6 (C) TRPL Prairie Enhancement Land Management Phase I, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation – OHF funding request: \$939,105, Total Project Cost: \$1,345,185. Project Summary: This project involves collecting seeds of local genetic origin for over 100 species of plants indigenous to southwest North Dakota; seeds will be cleaned and tested and planted; healthy plugs will be planted at the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library site; native seeds for the target species are not commercially available currently, the project will make these seeds available in the future.

Ms. Kelli Gardner gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: On the path, the structure is not a bathroom, just a covering that will have a water spicket available for visitors on the path. There will be about 2 acres of NDSU plots for the plant seeds. This project made many budget cuts from the previous grant round ask after receiving the feedback, so they aired on the side of caution with their ask this round. They have been doing pretreatment on the area for weed control.

22-7 (B) Pembina County Community Orchard, Pembina County Historical Society – OHF funding request: \$11,000, Total Project Cost: \$16,665. Project Summary: This project involves installation of a water line from the Pembina County Museum to the Pembina County Community Orchard, a maintenance shed, wood mulch, and the installation of a shelter belt.

Ms. Lillian Stegman gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: She is not sure why they are boring it versus digging it but said she would ask the water company and get back to the Board. Most counties will not let you trench across the road, and the road it must go across is the road to the Museum.

22-8 (C) The Conservation Capacity Program, North Dakota Wildlife Federation – OHF funding request: \$30,000, Total Project Cost: \$45,000. Project Summary: NDWF proposes providing project funds as sub-grants to North Dakota conservation clubs for projects ranging from fencing, rotational grazing, pollinator plantings, and shooting range improvements.

Mr. John Bradley gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Their first round of projects will be smaller projects that allow them to prove their concept, with the goal of coming back for a larger ask in a future, upcoming grant round. The reason for not bringing each individual grant request to OHF is mainly because the Board does not meet often enough since many of the projects are small and need to be done in a timely manner.

The Advisory Board took a 20-minute break for lunch.

22-9 (C) North Dakota Partners for Wildlife Project 3, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust – OHF funding request: \$1,957,500, Total Project Cost: \$3,387,000. Project Summary: The project involves a third phase of two previous OHF projects, and would include grazing system agreements, wetland restoration agreements, and cover crop agreements with North Dakota landowners.

Mr. Terry Albee and Scott McLeod gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: There is currently \$121,000 left to spend out of their most recent OHF grant, and \$105,000 of that is water developments. As soon as they get approval, they start working on agreements with private landowners. They do not make commitments to landowners without having funding available. The landowners do front the money for their projects, and they are reimbursed upon completion. Access is part of these projects; they just haven't laid it out in their proposals.

22-10 (A) Howard Oppegard Landing Improvements, American Foundation for Wildlife – OHF funding request: \$50,550, Total Project Cost: \$85,650. Project Summary: The project involves the construction of a boat ramp, an earthen fishing pier, a concrete picnic table, and native pollinator grass planting on a donated parcel of land adjacent to Eckelson Lake in Barnes County.

Mr. Kyle Vetter gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Everything has to stay open to the public, nothing is private. They are only run in North Dakota, they are not allowed to do anything out of state even if they want to.

22-11 (D) Epping Springbrook Dam Algae Control, Williams County Parks – OHF funding \$131,921.25, Total Project Cost: \$175,895. Project Summary: The project involves the installation of three algae control buoys to mitigate harmful algal blooms at Epping/Springbrook Dam in Williams County.

Mr. Jeremy Ludlum gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Williams County Parks has agreed to pay the \$12,000 annual maintenance fee for this technology. The data includes GPS so the IC staff will have real time access to it at any time, including during the winter when it is off the water and in the shed. The goal is not to have crystal clear water as they know some algae is important and it has a purpose, but they are able to monitor the levels to where they are not totally eliminated, but at a safe level. It was also noted that blue-green algae are not actually algae, it is bacteria. There is currently one being utilized in Missouri and they swear by what the technology has done for their lake. This product began in Europe so it is not immensely popular in the United States right now. The maintenance is mainly for tech support. Life expectancy should be greater than 10 years.

22-12 (D) TMBCI Belcourt Lake Rejuvenation Phase II, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa – OHF funding: \$105,741, Total Project Cost: \$147,741. Project Summary: The project involves the installation of two handicapped-accessible fishing piers, a restroom facility, and two picnic arbors at Belcourt Lake; the project would renovate a historic boy scout camp site to provide additional access to the lake.

Mr. Jeff Desjarlais gave a brief presentation. (A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: The funds that haven't been spent yet from their previous OHF grant is the funds for the restroom facility which will be finished in July 2023. During the time of Covid it put it at a standstill. This project is on the opposite side of the lake (2 separate parks) than the previous OHF request.

The Advisory Board took a 5-minute break.

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

Chairman Kuylen mentioned that there was only one conflict of interest noted by David Dewald.

It was moved by Tyler Dokken and seconded by Joseph Carlson to allow David Dewald to vote on that application noted with the conflict. It was voted unanimously by the Board that he will be allowed to vote.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	9	0

The OHF Advisory Board filled out their scoring sheets for the Grant Round 22 applications at this time.

Chairman Kuylen listed the one application that received less than 7 votes for funding which include application number 22-01.

It was moved by Tyler Dokken and seconded by Brian Amundson that the following application not be forwarded to the Commission for funding:

- 22-1 (D) Napoleon Pedestrian Trail, City of Napoleon; \$1,050,000

All present members voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

22-2 (C) Katz Dam Fish Passage, McLean County Water Resource District; \$112,572.75

- Discussion was had on whether or not OHF funding should be used towards administrative costs for projects rather than just the project themselves.

It was moved by Tyler Dokken and seconded by Patsy Crooke that the Katz Dam Fish Passage, submitted by McLean County Water Resource District, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$112,572.75.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	

Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-3 (D) Coyote Clay Target Range, Coyote Clay Target League; \$293,158

- Discussion was had whether or not OHF should be funding buildings as this proposal has structures that are involved.
- It was mentioned that in this case those facilities are necessary for the success of the project, so if the facilities are excluded then why have the project at all.

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Patsy Crooke that the Coyote Clay Target Range, submitted by the Coyote Clay Target League, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$293,158.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-4 (C) Turkeys Enhancing Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat, National Wild Turkey Federation; \$200,000

- No further discussion was had regarding this proposal.

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Joseph Carlson that the Turkeys Enhancing Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat, submitted by the National Wild Turkey Federation, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$200,000.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-5 (B) ND Statewide Tree Planting Initiative, ND Conservation District Employees Association; \$2,550,000

- Brief discussion was had regarding whether OHF should be funding administrative costs and cultural resource for the project.
- There are a group of individuals who work on the coordination of these projects from start to finish and the admin costs help pay for that.

It was moved by Joseph Carlson and seconded by David Dewald that the Turkeys Enhancing Water Quality and Wildlife Habitat, submitted by the National Wild Turkey Federation, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$2,550,000.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-6 (C) TRPL Prairie Enhancement Land Management Phase I, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation; \$939,105

- Discussion was had regarding the Trailhead structure and whether OHF funds should be used to fund that.
- Brian Amundson mentioned for the record that he felt this project seems to be very politically motivated.
- Discussion was had regarding whether the OHF Board should be touring potential sites that may be receiving OHF funds.

It was moved by Randy Kreil and seconded by Rachel Retterath that the TRPL Prairie Enhancement Land Management Phase I, submitted by the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$539,105.

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Jospheh Carlson to amend the previous motion to recommend funding in the amount of \$539,105, and instead exclude the fencing and weed control costs and recommend to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$498,374.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-7 (B) Pembina County Community Orchard, Pembina County Historical Society; \$11,000

- There was discussion around whether boring should be used as the method.
- There was discussion around whether the shed and mulch should be funded or excluded from this project.

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Joseph Carlson that the Pembina County Community Orchard, submitted by the Pembina County Historical Society, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$8,900.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	9	0

22-8 (C) The Conservation Capacity Program, North Dakota Wildlife Federation; \$30,000

- No further discussion was had regarding this proposal.

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Tyler Dokken that The Conservation Capacity Program, submitted by the North Dakota Wildlife Federation, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$30,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	9	0

22-9 (C) North Dakota Partners for Wildlife Project 3, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust; \$1,957,500

- No further discussion was had regarding this proposal.

It was moved by Randy Kreil and seconded by Joseph Carlson that the North Dakota Partners for Wildlife Project 3, submitted by North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$2,550,000.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, and Kuylen voted aye, and Amundson and Retterath voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath		X
Total	7	2

22-10 (A) Howard Oppegard Landing Improvements, American Foundation for Wildlife; \$50,500

- It was mentioned that this is a great, locally generated project and that the American Foundation for Wildlife is a great group to support.
- Discussion was had whether they should fund the picnic table that is part of the proposal.

It was moved by Patsy Crooke and seconded by David Dewald that the Howard Oppegard Landing Improvements, submitted by the American Foundation for Wildlife, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$50,500.

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Tyler Dokken to amend the previous motion and recommend to the Industrial Commission funding in the amount of \$49,750 (minus the picnic table). On a roll call vote, Amundson and Dokken voted aye, and Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted nay. The motion failed.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson		X
Patsy Crooke		X
David Dewald		X
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson		X
Randy Kreil		X

Robert Kuylen		X
Rachel Retterath		X
Total	2	7

The original motion for recommendation to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$50,500 was voted on.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-11 (D) Epping Springbrook Dam Algae Control, Williams County Parks; \$131,921.25

- Discussion was had on adding a stipulation for a 5-year maintenance agreement with Williams County Parks.
- Discussion was had on whether OHF should be funding technology/equipment.

It was moved by Tyler Jacobson and seconded by Patsy Crooke that Epping Springbrook Dam Algae Control, submitted by Williams County Parks, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$131,921.25.

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Tyler Dokken to amend the previous motion for Epping Springbrook Dam Algae Control, submitted by Williams County Parks, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$131,921.25, and add a stipulation of a 5-year maintenance agreement.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	1

22-12 (D) TMBCI Belcourt Lake Rejuvenation Phase II, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa; \$105,741

- Concern was raised that the initial project approved in 2019 still isn't fully completed- (Getting the bathrooms was delayed due to Covid).

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Patsy Crooke that the TMBCI Belcourt Lake Rejuvenation Phase II, submitted by Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$105,741.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson and Dewald voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken		X
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	7	2

Potential dates for the next Outdoor Heritage Fund meeting were discussed and will be chosen and scheduled at a later date.

It was discussed that there should be an Outdoor Heritage Fund orientation and policy review meeting prior to the next Outdoor Heritage Fund meeting which will also be chosen and scheduled at a later date.

Ms. Sarah Hewitt presented for consideration of approval a budget adjustment request and amendment to Contract 21-208 Urban Woods and Prairies Initiative Urban Pollinator Plots Project.

- The request was to add a new budget line item for plant plugs
 - \$45,000 unallocated due to long-term management coming under budget
- New budget line item = Plant Plugs for Volunteer Events
 - \$3/plus, 15,000 plugs for 3 sites = \$45,000

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Patsy Crooke that the Outdoor Heritage Fund Board approves the budget adjustment request and amend Contract 021-208 as stated in the presentation.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	-	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	0

Ms. Sarah Hewitt presented for consideration of approval a schedule adjustment request and amendment to Contract 017-169 North Dakota Conservation Forage Program.

- Current program structure provides transition payments across first 3 years of enrollment, during grassland establishment period.
- Amendment would allow transition payments to be paid in full within first year of enrollment, instead of across 3 years
- Benefits:
 - Continue active enrollment until project end date, Jan. 2026
 - Increase project impact – more acres, more projects, more happy landowners
 - Spend additional OHF grant award dollars throughout entire project period

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Tyler Dokken that the Outdoor Heritage Fund Board approves the schedule adjustment request and amend Contract 017-169 as stated in the presentation.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	-	
Randy Kreil	X	
Robert Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
Total	8	0

It was moved by Pasty Crooke and seconded by David Dewald to adjourn the meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board.

All members voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Chairman Kuylen adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m. MST.



Robert Kuylen, Chairman