

Forman, North Dakota  
August 5, 2025

The Sargent County Park Board met for a special meeting to discuss an unresolved grievance and ADA accessibility for the new storm shelters at 8:00 a.m. on August 5th, at the Sargent County Courthouse with the following present: Chairman, Julie Colemer, Scott Christianson, Jerry Waswick, Scott Johnson, Lyle Bopp, Jason Arth and Wade Anderson. Also present were Duane Peterson, Human Resources Director; Tia Bopp, Auditor; Jayne Pfau, State's Attorney; Wendy Willprecht, EM/911 Coordinator/ Dickey-Sargent Water Resource District; Sue Seelye, Park Manager; Paul Serenko, Assistant Park Manager, Jay Enderson, Contractor.

Chairman Colemer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Wendy Willprecht gave an update on the ADA accessibility for the shelters with quotes. Jay Enderson was present to give an explanation of his estimates. On the north shelter, it is currently gravel in the front. Jay did a bid for cement and gravel to make ADA compliant. On the south shelter, the doors are on the ditch side which is not the side they were intended to be placed on. They will need to put a pipe in, a ramp and then put gravel or a cement sidewalk. The south shelter ADA accessibility will be partially covered by Crest Precast as they put the doors on the wrong side. These shelters have a flat roof so gravel will easily wash away with rain. Costs for the shelters has increased from when they were originally quoted from \$241,605.00 to \$263,100.00. The rise in the cost is the result of COVID and pricing increases in materials. There are additional grant funds available that Wendy is working on trying to obtain to help with the additional costs. Jay Enderson is ready to work on this right away. Crossroads is also able to get moving on this right away as they will be doing the electrical inside of the shelters which was not part of the project bid. The deadline on this project is October. The cement sidewalk would be five feet wide to accommodate someone in a wheel chair and another person that may need to assist. Motion by Bopp to accept the concrete bids from Jay Enderson for concrete on both shelters and be paid from the general fund. Seconded by Arth. Voting yes were: Waswick, Johnson, Bopp, Arth, Anderson, Christianson and Colemer. Voting no were: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Wade Anderson and seconded by Jason Arth to proceed with the electrical as bid by Crossroads Electric to be paid the general park board. Voting yes were: Johnson, Bopp, Arth, Anderson, Waswick, Christianson and Colemer. Voting no were: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Wendy Willprecht and Jay Enderson left the meeting 8:17 a.m.

Grievance by Paul Serenko was the next order of business. Duane Peterson, HR Director summarized the timeline and company policy. Step one has been completed and there was no resolution, and we are now at step two. The next step is we need to have someone additional meeting with Paul and Sue to try to resolve this. Discussion on having someone from The Village to be the person the county appoints. State's Attorney Pfau, stated that step two states that the grievant will meet with someone appointed by the commission she doesn't think The Village is appropriate at this step. Commissioner Anderson feels we need some third party assistance. State's Pfau feels like some of these steps have already been done. Commissioner Bopp doesn't understand why we are paying The Village if we aren't going to use them. Motion by Commissioner Anderson to have The Village meet with both Paul Serenko and Sue Seelye and make a recommendation to the board. Seconded by Commissioner Bopp. Duane Peterson will be the contact. Voting yes were: Bopp, Arth, Anderson, Waswick, Christianson and Colemer. Voting no was: Johnson. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

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JULIE COLEMER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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TIA BOPP - COUNTY AUDITOR