

City of Medora  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
March April 11, 2017  
(Subject to Council Review and Approval)

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Todd Corneil. Present were Councilmen Denis Joyce, John Tczap, Ben Brannum, and Kinley Slaughter. City Engineer, Mike Njos, and City Attorney, Sandy Kuntz were also present.

The first item of business was to discuss maintenance responsibilities regarding the drainage ditches. Representation from Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, and the Chateau were present.

Corneil stated that silt builds up every few years and needs to be cleaned out. He would like to discuss who is responsible for cleaning it out and who is responsible for paying for the removal. TRNP Superintendent, Wendy Ross, stated the Park can clean out culverts that are there, but they would need a much more defined agreement if more is expected from them. The Park would need to do compliance and would want their engineer involved before entering into any kind of agreement. Ross also expressed concerns with changes that have occurred in the City—she would like their engineer to look at the whole area since Medora has changed and expanded. She added TRNP was not aware of this until last week and it will take some time for them to get a plan. Corneil stated the ditch and pond should be cleaned out soon and then long-term changes establishing a plan need to be looked at. The Park's engineer will work with Njos to look at the problem. Attorney Kuntz asked if 60 days is a reasonable timeframe for the Park to get the paperwork and studies done that they require. Ross responded that 60 days would be about right. Samuel Kerr, Chateau Manager, added it won't be a quick process to obtain an agreement with the State Historical Society because their property is an archeological site. Njos added that all culverts are open now and are being watched. It was the consensus to not go on-site today. Ross will work through Corneil and Njos.

Corneil added the ditch that goes across TRMF property needs to be cleaned out. Njos stated a full hydrology test on that area would be a good starting point. Njos will propose a cost to the City to have the study done. Slaughter added that if the City wants TRMF to enter into an agreement with them, it should be a precise request submitted to TRMF. Joyce feels the city should be responsible for the expense of cleaning it because it is a city infrastructure concern—cleaning it out is protection for the entire city. Njos will present an estimate before the city moves forward.

A Site Authorization submitted by the Dunn County Fair Association for gaming at Boots was reviewed. Kuntz added she has no concerns. Brannum made the motion to approve the Site Authorization. Second by Joyce. Motion passed unanimously.

An update to the MCC bathroom project was given by Corneil. New door closures will be bought outright for all of the bathroom doors instead of going through the change order process. The bathrooms are still on track for an April 20 completion date.

There being no other business, Slauter moved to adjourn. Without objection, meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Corneil, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carla Steffen, Auditor