

**PARK BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
September 10, 2009**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a special meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Mike Lefor, John Gaffaney, Carol Herauf and Scott Kovash. Also present were Director James Kramer, Attorney Mary Nordsvan and Leah Hoenke, Clerk. Commissioner Kelly Cooper was absent.

Approval of 2010 Preliminary Budget - President Mike Lefor stated that the Budget Committee has been meeting for a while and has come up with a Preliminary 2010 Budget. He said that they faced challenges such as the minimum wage increase and an unexpected retirement payment of \$30,000. Director Kramer reviewed the Preliminary Budget. He said that by State law we are required to provide a preliminary budget to the public and will hold a public hearing at the Roundtable meeting on September 25, 2009. He reviewed each fund and pointed out that in the Social Security Fund we will levy a lesser amount for next year and try and use up as much as possible. He explained the retirement payment of \$30,000 was due to the City's retirement fund having a tough year and that the number of people retiring are taking a lump sum of their dollars. Director Kramer said that he has invited the City Administrator to attend our Roundtable meeting on September 25 to report to our Board what the City's plans are to recover this fund. Director Kramer also reviewed the mill rate comparison back to 2005 and provided a mill rate history back to 1995. President Mike Lefor also explained that the Budget Committee recommends \$23,000 toward staff salaries, which will be based on merit. President Mike Lefor asked the Board to review the preliminary budget before the public hearing on September 25. Commissioner John Gaffaney made a motion to approve the 2010 Preliminary Budget. Motion duly seconded by Commissioner Carol Herauf. Upon roll call vote, vote was: Ayes: 4; Nays: 0; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

New/Old Discussion - Director Kramer updated the Board on the soccer irrigation project. He said the irrigation should be up and running by end of month and then will be able to seed. He said he anticipates being able to use the fields for our flag football season in 2010. He also updated the Board on the Patterson Lake project and that the staff has begun spraying the cat tails and will work on boat ramp improvements. He also said the Game and Fish will begin treating the water to kill off the fish, of which they are responsible for the clean-up.

There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioner Carol Herauf made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m. Motion duly seconded by Commissioner Scott Kovash. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President