



MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 15, 2015

Agenda Item: Capital Projects Over \$5,000

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Approval

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

Per the Parks and Recreation Board Policy adopted in December 2013, Board approval is required for unanticipated expenses exceeding \$5,000 within the Parks Capital Program. For this meeting, four projects are in the initiation stage, which have not been previously approved by the Board. The projects are;

- Facility Condition Inventory (FCI) for Cultural Sites – the sites to be reviewed and the historic building related needs documented are: Bannack, Chief Plenty Coup, Elkhorn, and Fort Owen State Parks. The on-site FCI efforts would be conducted by a specialized and recognized architectural team. The anticipated cost is approximately \$100,000.
- Bannack SP - Flood Mitigation Dam Structure – a retention dam structure in the upper area of Hangman’s Gulch to prevent future flood events is estimated to be approx. \$707,000. A commitment is in-place for approximately \$433,000 from Tort Claims for the flood mitigation project. The balance of approximately \$275,000 to complete the project will be from existing Parks capital funds.
- Facility Management System (FMS) – this project will involve the hiring of a private vendor to implement a computer-based maintenance management system to better track and prioritize maintenance efforts for park sites statewide. The anticipated cost is approximately \$100,000.
- Granite SP Structural Study – of the two building structures at this site, the Union Hall burned many years ago. The remaining masonry wall structures still standing are open to the public and could be considered a hazard. The proposed report will address factors and provide recommendation for mitigation steps such as site fencing and possibly bracing the remaining standing walls. The Superintendent’s House will also be included in the study and subsequent report. The cost of the professional engineer’s study is estimated to be approximately \$7,500.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

No public involvement is necessary or planned concerning the funding of this operational and facility condition inventory effort.

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

Alt. #1 – approval of the proposed capital funding expenditures for the projects as outlined above.

Alt. #2 – modified approval for the expenditure of capital funds in some manner for the proposed projects.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed costs for the four projects.

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

I move to approve the Parks Division’s proposal to commit available capital funds to the:

Facility Condition Inventory (cultural sites), the Bannack SP flood mitigation project, Facility Management System (FMS) and Granite SP structural study as proposed.