



Monday, March 13th, 2017
Facility Committee Meeting
Grafton Parks & Recreation Board Room
715 West 5th Street
12:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order by Cory Burns at 12:00pm
 - A. Board Members Present: Brad Burianek, Scott Hills, Ryer Stark
 - B. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Matt Oppegard
 - C. Public Present: Dave Hills & Rodger Stark (Grafton Blue Line Club), Maggie Suda and Chris Lipsh (Red River Regional Council)
 - D. Media Present: Todd Kjelland

- II. Cory turned the floor over to Bill. Bill explained that meeting was called to utilize Red River Regional to start securing low interest funding for the Centennial Center Project. Bill asked Maggie if picking a bank would be the 1st step towards securing a Flex Pace loan? Maggie explained that the Grafton Park Board will need to pick a lead lender who will pull in Bank of ND and a sponsor, which would more than likely be Walsh County JDA. Bill recommended Choice Financial as the lead lender, due to the fact that Choice Financial is already the bank for the Grafton Park Board and has all of the information for Grafton Parks & Recreation. Brad made a motion to recommend Choice Financial as the lead lender for the Flex Pace loan for the Centennial Center Project. Scott seconded Brad's motion, all approved the recommendation. Bill asked Maggie what the process is to secure the interest buy down? Maggie explained in order to secure the buy down the Grafton Park Board will need a community participant. Maggie suggested either the City of Grafton or the Walsh County JDA. Maggie suggested that they would contact Julie Campbell and see if the Walsh County JDA would be interested in being the community sponsor for the Centennial Center Project. If the Walsh County JDA is interested then Grafton Parks & Recreation will need to present to their board. Maggie will get in contact with Julie Campbell and move forward with the process. Bill explained that the Blue Line Club and the Grafton Park Board are meeting with the architect and engineer March 14th and the project will not go out to bid until April 1st. Bill asked with a mid-April start date would we be able to get the financing together before the project starts. Maggie suggested delaying the start date until funding is secured. Bill asked how long of a process would we need to expect. Maggie explained that the Walsh County JDA board will need to approve the sponsorship and send a payment to Bank of North Dakota. She mentioned that finalizing the loan in April will be cutting it close. Ryer will contact the Bank of North Dakota to see how soon we could expect the finalization of a loan application. The committee discussed the start date and agreed that we should start in May after the funding is finalized. Bill asked Dave Hills if he would be able to get the Blue Line Club's financial information to Ryer. Bill explained that a final dollar amount will happen later and asked the Blue Line Club for the dollar amount that they would be interested in funding. The Blue Line Club would be interested in using \$300,000 for a down payment and \$30,000 annually toward debt service on the loan. Dave did warn that the Blue Line Club still has to look at their financials to see how much they can contribute annually. Bill explained that the Grafton Park Board would contribute \$8,000 annually to debt service. Bill asked Maggie about the USDA Guaranteed Load Grant and she suggested doing a combination of the USDA and Flex Pace to fund the Centennial Center Project. Bill explained that since the Centennial Center Project is starting in May, the project will not qualify for the Otto Bremer Grant. The only portion of the Centennial Center Project that has a good chance at being funded by the Otto Bremer Grant is the arena A/C system. Maggie

explained that Otto Bremer does not like to be first money into a project, but since the Park Board will have already started on the Lobby and Ice Plant then the arena A/C system scores higher in Otto Bremer's rating system. Bill explained that we would like to use Red River Regional to apply for the July 11th Otto Bremer grant for the arena A/C. Chris had some questions concerning the CEBG grant. Maggie will look into the CEBG grant to see if there is any funding available, but noted that CEBG needs to be on the front side of the project and will not fund a project that has already started.

III. New Business:

IV. Public Comments: None

V. Adjournment: Brad made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Ryer. Motion passed all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.