



Wednesday, January 25th, 2017
Facility Committee Meeting
Grafton Parks & Recreation Office 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, Cory Burns, Todd Storey, Ryer Stark
 - B. Staff Present: Bill Dahl, Dean Feltman, Matt Opegard
 - C. Public Present: Dave Hills
 - D. Media Present: Todd Kjelland

- II. Cory explained that meeting was called to update everyone on the Centennial Center Lobby and Ice Plant projects. Cory passed the meeting over to Bill. Bill explained that the last few weeks he and Matt had been researching into possible grants for the Centennial Center. Bill and Matt found that by merging the projects we would be in the position to apply for grants today with backing from the Blue Line Club. We would also be able to secure low interest loans for both projects. Without merging the projects, the Grafton Parks & Recreation would be 3-5 years from raising enough funds to start applying for grants and low interest loans. Bill explained that we will have to deal with refrigerant in our next system and that CO₂ is still 15-30 years out. The propane blend will be out in the next 5-10 years, but may change the complexity of the equipment room with the fears of propane being combustible. Dave asked if it would be beneficial to purchase a CO₂ system now. Bill explained that CO₂ is almost double the cost of the ice plant that uses synthetic refrigerant and would have to be replaced in 15-20 years anyway due to the life expectancy of the equipment. Bill explained that Parks and Recreation had been budgeting for an R-22 upgrade project in the last 3 budget cycles and has \$15,000 set aside for the ice plant project. Bill suggested using a portion of the \$15,000 towards hiring Red River Regional Council to write grants and secure low interest funding. Bill explained that we will need to be careful with how we utilize Red River Regional Council due to the average cost of preparing a grant ranges from \$2,500 - \$3,000 per grant. Dave had presented the hiring a contractor at risk and Matt asked if Darrel Pastorek would be excluded from bidding on the project if he was the contractor at risk. Dave and Bill agreed that will have to be a question for Hepper Olson Architects. The Centennial Center is a VP building and Pastorek Construction is the only local VP dealer. Cory suggested a motion for recommendation to the Park Board to merge the Lobby, Ice Plant, Fire Exit Door, and Scoreboard projects. Scott made the motion and Todd seconded. Motion passed all in favor.

- III. New Business:
- IV. Public Comments: None
- V. Adjournment: Todd made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Todd. Motion passed all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.