

Minutes of a Meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board
Held on June 4, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. CST
Hotel at Sky Dancer
Belcourt, ND

Present: Robert Kuylen, OHF Advisory Board Chairman
Brian Amundson, OHF Advisory Board
Dr. Joseph Carlson, OHF Advisory Board
Patsy Crooke, OHF Advisory Board
David Dewald, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Dokken, OHF Advisory Board
Tyler Jacobson, OHF Advisory Board
Randy Kreil, OHF Advisory Board (Online)
Rachel Retterath, OHF Advisory Board
John Weinand, OHF Advisory Board
Tom Claeys, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Rhonda Kelsch, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Casey Anderson, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)
Cole Garman, OHF Advisory Board (Non-voting)

Others Present: Reice Haase (NDIC), Brenna Jessen (NDIC), Erin Stieg (NDIC)

Also Present: A complete list of attendees is available in the Commission files. The meeting was also available by Microsoft Teams so not all attendees are known.

Jeremy Eckroth, OHF Advisory Board, and Dana Kaldor, OHF Advisory Board were both absent from the meeting.

Chairman Robert Kuylen called the meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board (“Board”) to order at 9:05 a.m. CST with a quorum being present.

It was moved by Rachel Retterath and seconded by Patsy Crooke that the Board approve the October 17, 2023, OHF technical committee meeting minutes and the October 26, 2023, OHF advisory board meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reice Haase presented the Outdoor Heritage Fund project management and financial report. There has been a total of 232 cumulative projects and 79 of those are currently active through the program. OHF currently has \$36,462,378.26 in funds committed, and \$4,887,500.96 available to commit to new projects.

Chairman Kuylen asked the Board to complete their Conflicts-of-Interest Forms.

The Grant Round 24 Presentations began.

24-1 (D): Spring Lake Park Enhancement, Williston Parks & Recreation District – OHF funding request: \$300,000, Total Project Costs: \$448,573.00. Project Summary: Rehabilitate Spring Lake Park in Williston with new restrooms and paved and handicapped accessible trails.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: They applied for money towards the disc golf course and have local level partnerships, and funding less than asked would not stop the project, but the full amount would help expedite it. The annual budget for their entire operation and Williston parks district is about \$9 million.

24-2 (A): ND Statewide Windbreak Renovation Initiative 4., North Dakota Forest Service – OHF funding request: \$900,000, Total Project Costs: \$1,200,000. Project Summary: Continue financial assistance programs for landowners to renovate their windbreaks.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: They don't want to be back every year but there is high demand. In response to legislative funds, the applicant said that the vision was for a lot of these projects to be funded through the equip program through NRCS. Soil conservation districts are putting the trees in the ground for the current projects. There is no overlap on projects or competing interests. A lot of projects are starting from scratch, and the cost share percentage for landowners will be a 75% reimbursement to them so they have to match the 25%.

24-3 (D) Dakota Lake Picnic Shelter, Dickey County – OHF funding request: ~~\$4,200~~ \$2,200, Total Project Costs: ~~\$6,100~~ \$4,100. Project Summary: Installation of picnic shelter near new boat ramp at the James River.

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Dickey County had agreed to supply the funds to the sportsman's club if they can get a grant to cover it. They also mentioned that they are looking to reduce OHF funds from \$4,200 to \$2,200.

24-6 (A): Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project, City of Grand Forks – OHF funding request: \$239,389.45, Total Project Costs: \$478,778.90. Project Summary: Extending paved trail south from 47th Ave. S., clearing trees, adding benches, trash cans, and informational kiosk around the fishing site.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Engineering, mobilization and contingencies are all part of the entire project. The project will move forward regardless of OHF funding, of course they would like to get the top dollar so they can spend some of their money on other projects.

24-4 (A): Tobacco Gardens Dredging Project, McKenzie County Park Board – OHF funding request: \$926,622, Total Project Costs: \$1,235,496. Project Summary: Dredging sediment and erosion at the South boat ramp at Tobacco Gardens Marina and placing riprap on embankment to prevent further erosion.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: The disposal of sediment will be left up to the contractor, but they were offered old lagoon cells as an option. They may check the sediment to see if it could be reused as topsoil for other projects. The project area is owned by the county, but there is a lady that does lease the gas station and restaurant on the property. Her lease has been reviewed on a yearly basis since 2008. There is an association on the other side of the marina. The concessionaires do not have any

“skin in the game” aside from what they maintain themselves at their store. They would be willing to entertain whatever value the OHF board would be willing to give them.

24-5 (C): Belfield Dam Improvement, City of Belfield – OHF funding request: \$145,125, Total Project Costs: \$193,500. Project Summary: Bank repair and regrading with riprap replacement. Establish beach area with kayak ramp and 2 shelters.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: The water is down right now so they would like to start the project right away. The path that was originally installed was overlayed, so it would be a completely new rebuild. A cement/concrete path would be put in place of the current asphalt one as the current one has deteriorated and is basically non-existent. The estimates were based off local contractors, but mobilization is part of the project and contract bonding will be part of the mobilization. There is not a formal comprehensive conservation plan. There are copper dams on either side to catch any sediment and they can clean them out at any time. The main issue is access to the water for fishing because of the cattails that are currently there.

The Board took a 15-minute break.

24-7 (D): NDSF (West Park Playground), North Dakota State Fair Association – OHF funding request: \$10,000, Total Project Costs: \$231,900. Project Summary: Constructing a 50'x50' publicly accessible & all-inclusive playground at West Park, located on the ND State Fairgrounds.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: There will not be a charge year-round to get into the facility, and the zoo is close, but they'd have to go around the facility to get to the park. It is open to the public, aside from when the fairground is rented out for an event. They are two weeks from completion.

24-8 (D): Ramsey County Multi-Purpose Event Center, Ramsey County Fair Foundation – OHF funding request: \$100,000, Total Project Costs: \$600,000. Project Summary: Improve camping area, including electrical posts for campers, build an enhanced playground area, outdoor lighting, planting trees and grass, and creating a picnic area.

In response to questions, the applicant stated: He was not sure why the tree and grass planting was not included in the budget because he is not on the committee, but he knows they did talk about planting trees. He believes they are wanting to replace the old park equipment, not repair the current, but he was not completely sure.

24-9 (D): UWP Educational Prairie Trail, Audubon Great Plains – OHF funding request: \$149,292, Total Project Costs: \$262,072. Project Summary: High diversity plug plantings and interseeding at Urban Plains Park, an extension of the current trail system, and interpretive signage.

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Plugs are similar to planting and come in a cell pack. They prefer to utilize them because you get instant gratification vs. waiting 3-5 years for seeds to bloom (if they don't die). They are easier to maintain and establish in high showcase areas, but seeds will be used in a large portion of the acreage. Failure rates on plugs are only about 1% and the management year to year is very minimal because there are not many weeds to deal with in high-density plant areas. They

contract with United Prairie Foundation who will be out maintaining the site, managing weeds, and maintain the plants. The staff costs are for Audubon's continued oversight of the project and some staff with the park district or other entities. They buy plugs locally that are about 2-4-year plugs from greenhouses who collect true local prairie seeds in the region.

24-10 (A): Bakken Development and Working Lands Program III, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust – OHF funding request: \$3,125,000, Total Project Costs: \$5,462,400. Project Summary: Improvements to grazing operations, increased public access, and reclamation on public lands in Western ND.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: If they were to be funded by OHF in a partial amount, they would still implement some programs, just at a smaller level. Jesse Beckers presented 3 options - Options A, B, and C to the Board members on other possible funding avenues that would work this grant round knowing the funding is tight.

24-11 (C) Enhancing State Parks Through Strategic Trees and Shrub Plantings, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department – OHF funding request: \$1,410,335, Total Project Costs: \$1,762,900. Project Summary: Execution of a strategic tree and shrub planting program which will cover every North Dakota State Park.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: This was not part of their one-time fund asks during last legislative session. Per discussions with the Governor, they thought the OHF grant process was the best first step prior to going to legislation this next biennium.

24-12 (B): Badlands Restoration Project, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust – OHF funding request: \$77,000, Total Project Costs: \$615,470. Project Summary: Treat 1,000 acres of rangeland infested with Rocky Mountain Juniper throughout grazing lands in the ND Badlands.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: Northern Great Plains is a new partner to this project. Trees have always been on the landscape, but periodic fire kept them out of the grasslands.

24-13 (C): North Dakota Prescribed Fire Program for Ranchland Enhancement, North Dakota Wildlife Federation – OHF funding request: \$200,000, Total Project Costs: \$275,000. Project Summary: Conduct prescribed burns to manage fuel loadings, improve rangeland forage, and demonstrate the positive impacts of prescribed fire on the landscape.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: The total of staffing costs is only \$2,000 per year over a 5-year period. It will be used for staffing design and implementation. The liability is on the landowner, they strike the first match are responsible for fire breaks. You need wind for prescribed burn, but you need to have a prediction of a steady wind in one direction. The project length is 5-years which will allow to have the perfect days for the burns.

The Board took a 30-minute break for lunch.

24-14 (D): Dunseith Park Handicapped Accessibility Project, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa – OHF funding request: \$102,740, Total Project Costs: \$140,240. Project Summary: Upgrades to the basketball courts, new restroom/maintenance facility, replacing volleyball nets and poles, and installing new handicapped accessible bleachers at the park located in the hub of the city, adjacent to the public school.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

There were no questions asked by the board members, just comments thanking the students for being courageous and speaking about this project.

24-16 (A): Painted Woods Lake Flood Protection & Recreation Project, McLean County Water Resource District – OHF funding request: \$1,000,000, Total Project Costs: \$3,718,650. Project Summary: Restore water quality and soil conditions, improve in-stream and riparian habitat for fish and wildlife, and enhance recreational access to public lands and waters within the Painted Woods Lake Wildlife Development Area (WDA).

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Commission files).

In response to questions, the applicant stated: This is the closest barrier to the river, and once this is opened, it will open up about another 20-25 creek miles of fish passage. The project is likely 9 months to a year out as they still have to get some other local fundings, but they would like the OHF commitment sooner rather than later.

24-15 (D): PreK Park Enhancement – Sunset Park, Sunset Park District 1 – OHF funding request: \$10,000, Total Project Costs: \$80,687. Project Summary: Provide a child's train set and play system with borders and wood fiber included for children under 5 years of age at Sunset Park.

In response to questions, the applicant stated: It is ADA compliant, and they are working with a local rep from Williston.

Chairman Kuylen opened it up to public comments on applications to which there were none.

Board Discussion Comments

24-1: Spring Lake Park Enhancement, Williston Parks & Recreation:

- The future phase with a nature park is great, but not interested in the paving the parking lot component that was presented today.

24-2: ND Statewide Windbreak Renovation Initiative 4., North Dakota Forest Service

- This is the 4th time through for this group.
- Could force them to look for funds legislatively this upcoming session.
- Would still prefer grants like these over a lot of others that come through yet are still in the middle of whether to fund or not.

24-3: Dakota Lake Picnic Shelter, Dickey County

- It is below the \$2,500 OHF threshold now so does not qualify.

- They should look at a larger project down the road because it is a good area that would benefit from it.

24-4: Tobacco Gardens Dredging Project, McKenzie County Park Board

- There is a vendor that would benefit from the project but does not have any skin in the game.
- These projects are not moneymakers, they are kind of a pit.
- There are concerns with the dredging projects as there is almost an unlimited amount of dredging projects around the State.
- A portion of this could not be done without doing the rest of it.

24-5: Belfield Dam Improvement, City of Belfield

- This type of project will get a lot of use from the youth. They have good things in place even if they don't have a full comprehensive conservation plan.
- There are always kids there with their bikes and fishing poles and this is a group that works hard for their community.
- Game and Fish is involved and helped do the earthen fishing piers. The watershed in the area is not very big.
- This has been a viable place and recreational place since the 70's and there is a lot of local commitment.

24-6: Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project, City of Grand Forks

- There is a paved trail.
- The project seems off, like it is missing the long-term goal of the project – seems incomplete with parts missing.
- They did a good job trying in the walkway and the pier and bringing it together for safety and access.
- It looked like completion for Grand Forks and like it was the last piece to a bigger project.
- There is no access to the area, so the trail system is also for public safety.
- There are issues about paving, and it was mentioned they could just use gravel.
- If you are in a wheelchair, gravel does not work. Why put a fishing pier if you cannot get to it?
- They also maintain this area in the winter so people can get out there year-round.

24-7: NDSF (West Park Playground), North Dakota State Fair Association

- The project is almost complete, so it disqualifies them from receiving any funds. You cannot come to OHF and request funds for an already completed project.

24-8: Ramsey County Multi-Purpose Event Center, Ramsey County Fair Foundation

- We do not typically fund bleachers.
- The panels can "walk" so it shouldn't be funded.
- They could potentially fund the grass and playground equipment.

24-9: UWP Educational Prairie Trail, Audubon Great Plains

- Plugs came up to \$4 a piece so it is a good price for plugs.

- \$775k an acre seems excessive.
- They have done great work on previous deals, and they get work done when they say they will, but it seems very expensive.
- It is a lot of plugs, but the amount per plug is a great deal.
- This type of project, if managed correctly, will last a very long time.
- This seems like a “feel good” thing to fund where you feel nice and good about it but seems more like a joke.
- They are a well-known consciences group that knows what they are doing and are very cautious about what they bring into the State. These are locally grown so there should not be concern.
- The maintenance will be done by a combination of staff and volunteers year-round.

24-10: Bakken Development and Working Lands Program III, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust

- Option A would be a good thing to go with and it gives opportunity to do potential PLOTS.
- They captured over a 100% match. If a partner comes in with a proposal of over a 100% match, we should encourage that.

24-11: Enhancing State Parks Through Strategic Trees and Shrub Plantings, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department

- This should have been part of their legislative ask. Love the project and what they are doing, but the State has the funds for this.
- It does not meet the minimum 25% match requirement.
- They are federally funded as well. OHF is just the path of least resistance, so it is easier to come here than it is to go to the legislative council and ask for those funds.

24-12: Badlands Restoration Project, North Dakota Natural Resources Trust

- It is a wonderful project, and they are not asking for a lot.
- They appreciated the good plan that was put in place.

24-13: North Dakota Prescribed Fire Program for Ranchland Enhancement, North Dakota Wildlife Federation

- The concerns with prescribed fires and finding the right times to do them are understood, but it a well put together plan and will help the areas.
- It is such a popular practice down south, and there’s no place in the world like the badlands. It is one of the best tools we have to combat these things and it should try to be used and perfected.
- It has its advantages and disadvantages – the main issue is for staffing; we shouldn’t be funding the \$40,000 for their staffing costs.

24-14: Dunseith Park Handicapped Accessibility Project, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

- It is an amazing project, and it is necessary, but it just doesn’t seem like an OHF project.
- The IC members get to decide what “Exceptional circumstances” mean.
- Those kids have got to have something do to keep them busy and out of trouble.
- 475 kids are employed in their parks through the summer.
- The case these kids made was “exceptional.”

- There is a lack of opportunity here for the kids. They do not have the sportsmen support that many other small, local communities have.
- Roulette County is the poorest county in ND so that should be kept in mind.

24-15: PreK Park Enhancement – Sunset Park, Sunset Park District 1

- It seems niche for Pre-K Individuals.
- It is only \$10,000 of an \$80,000 budget.

24-16: Painted Woods Lake Flood Protection & Recreation Project, McLean County Water Resource District

- We are already knee deep in these projects with McLean County so may as well keep moving.
- It is rare that you see a county take the lead on projects like these.
- It is hard not to support them.
- We could partially fund them if we need to this grant round.
- They have some federal funds and are working with the Water Commission on funds.
- We would rather fund them fully this round instead of giving them half then making them come back and give the same presentation again to potentially not get money next grant round if it is not available.

Both Amundson and Dewald noted the following Conflicts of Interest:

- Amundson: 24-9 Audubon Great Plains
- Dewald: 24-10 & 24-12 ND Natural Resources Trust, 24-13 ND Wildlife Federation

It was moved by Rachel Retterath and seconded by Tyler Dokken to allow Brian Amundson to vote on that application noted with the conflict. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tyler Dokken and seconded by Brian Amundson to allow David Dewald to vote on those applications noted with conflicts. The motion carried unanimously.

The OHF Advisory Board filled out their scoring sheets for the Grant Round 23 applications at this time.

Chairman Kuylen listed the applications that received less than 7 votes for funding which include application numbers 24-1, 24-3, 24-4, 24-6, 24-7, 24-8, 24-9, 24-11, and 24-14.

It was moved by Brian Amundson and seconded by Randy Kreil that the following applications not be forwarded to the Commission for funding:

- 24-1 Williston Parks & Recreation District: Spring Lake Park Enhancement - \$300,000
- 24-3 Dickey County: Dakota Lake Picnic Shelter - \$2,200
- 24-4 McKenzie County Park Board: Tobacco Gardens Dredging Project - \$926,622
- 24-6 City of Grand Forks: Greenway Fishing Enhancement Project - \$239,389.45
- 24-7 North Dakota State Fair Association: NDSF (West Park Playground) - \$10,000
- 24-8 Ramsey County Fair Foundation: Ramsey County Multi-Purpose Event Center - \$100,000

- 24-9 Audubon Great Plains: UWP Educational Prairie Trail - \$149,292
- 24-11 North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department: Enhancing State Parks Through Strategic Trees and Shrub Plantings - \$1,410,335
- 24-14 Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa: Dunseith Park Handicapped Accessibility Project - \$102,740

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye, and Dewald voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald		X
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand	X	
Total	9	1

It was moved by Tyler Dokken and seconded by John Weinand that the ND Statewide Windbreak Renovation Initiative 4.0, submitted by the North Dakota Forest Service, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$900,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye, and Crooke and Dewald voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke		X
David Dewald		X
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand	X	
Total	8	2

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Patsy Crooke that the Belfield Dam Improvement, submitted by the City of Belfield, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$145,125.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand	X	
Total	10	0

It was moved by Tyler Jacobson and seconded by Randy Kreil that the Bakken Development and Working Grasslands Program III, submitted by North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$1,625,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand	X	
Total	10	0

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Rachel Retterath that the Badlands Restoration Project, submitted by North Dakota Natural Resources Trust, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$77,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand	X	
Total	10	0

It was moved by Dr. Joseph Carlson and seconded by John Weinand that the North Dakota Prescribed Fire Program for Ranchland Enhancement, submitted by the North Dakota Wildlife Federation, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$200,000.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, and Weinand voted aye, and Amundson, Kuylen, and Retterath voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen		X
Rachel Retterath		X
John Weinand	X	
Total	7	3

It was moved by Rachel Retterath and seconded by Tyler Jacobson that Pre-K Park Enhancement – Sunset Park, submitted by Sunset Park District 1, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$10,000.

On a roll call vote, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, and Retterath voted aye, and Amundson and Weinand voted nay. The motion carried.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson		X
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand		X
Total	8	2

It was moved by Patsy Crooke and seconded by Rachel Retterath that the Painted Woods Lake Flood Protection and Recreation Project, submitted by the McLean County Water Resource District, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for Outdoor Heritage Fund funding in the amount of \$1,000,000.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

	Yes	No
Brian Amundson	X	
Dr. Joseph Carlson	X	
Patsy Crooke	X	
David Dewald	X	
Tyler Dokken	X	
Tyler Jacobson	X	
Randy Kreil	X	
Bob Kuylen	X	
Rachel Retterath	X	
John Weinand	X	
Total	10	0

Chairman Kuylen reminded the Board that this will be his last meeting as his term is up and asked the committee if there were any nominations for his replacement as Chair.

It was moved by Rachel Retterath and seconded by Dr. Joseph Carlson to name Tyler Dokken as the new Chair of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dokken asked the committee if there were any nominations for his replacement as Vice Chair.

It was moved by Patsy Crooke and seconded by Rachel Retterath to name David Dewald as the new Vice Chair of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reice Haase presented for consideration of approval a Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Kuylen.

A RESOLUTION WAS MADE

Resolution of Appreciation

- Whereas,** Robert “Bob” Kuylen has admirably served the State of North Dakota since his appointment to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board on September 12th, 2013; and
- Whereas,** Bob has been dedicated to the Outdoor Heritage Fund’s mission to enhance conservation practices in this State by providing access for sportsmen and women, supporting agricultural stewardship, enhancing wildlife habitat, and creating outdoor recreation opportunities; and
- Whereas,** During Bob’s tenure with the Board, over \$85.5 million of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars was invested in North Dakota, yielding private sector matches of over \$222.4 million toward this purpose; and
- Whereas,** Since his election as Chairman of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board on June 7th, 2019, Bob has skillfully led the Board with a courteous and respectful spirit, leading to the resourceful investment of Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars in projects which benefit every county and numerous communities in the State; and
- Whereas,** Bob’s dedication to the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board and to the State of North Dakota will leave a lasting legacy for all citizens of our state and is deserving of recognition.

Now, therefore, the North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board hereby expresses deep gratitude to Bob Kuylen for his 11 years of service to the citizens of North Dakota.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2024.

It was moved by Rachel Retterath and seconded by Dr. Joseph Carlson to accept the Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Kuylen. The motion carried unanimously.

Potential months, times, and locations for the next OHF Advisory Board meeting were discussed. A doodle poll will be sent out to the board members.

Under other business, there was a request for an Amendment to OHF project 022-222 Howard Opegard Landing, submitted by the American Foundation for Wildlife. This request was not for additional funding, but rather to move funding from the earthen pier portion, as it was found to not be feasible, to the boat ramp funding to make it longer.

It was moved by David Dewald and seconded by Dr. Joseph Carlson that the Howard Opegard Landing amendment, submitted by the American Foundation for Wildlife, be recommended to the Industrial Commission for the purpose of moving funds from the earthen pier to the boat ramp fund.

On a roll call vote, Amundson, Carlson, Crooke, Dewald, Dokken, Jacobson, Kreil, Kuylen, Retterath, and Weinand voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, it was moved by John Weinand and seconded by Bob Kuylen to adjourn the meeting of the Outdoor Heritage Fund Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



Robert Kuylen, Chairman