

Contract No. 004-063
“Handicap Accessible Fishing Pier at Sheep Creek Dam”
 Submitted by Grant County Water Resource District
 Principal Investigator: Julie Levorsen
 Directives: A, C & D

PARTICIPANTS

Sponsor	Cost Share	
Grant County Water Resource District	\$ 4,000	
Elgin Lions Club	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	
Subtotal Cash Cost Share		\$ 6,000
Elgin Lions Club	<u>\$ 1,730</u>	
Subtotal In-Kind Cost Share		\$ 1,730
North Dakota Industrial Commission	<u>\$20,902</u>	
Subtotal Outdoor Heritage Fund contribution		<u>\$20,902</u>
Total Project Cost		\$28,632

Project Schedule – 4 months
 Contract Date – 3/6/2015
 Start Date – 3/16/2015

Project Deliverables:
 Status Report: June 30, 2015 ✓
 Final Report: September 30, 2015 ✓

Completion Date – 9/30/2015

OBJECTIVE/STATEMENT OF WORK:

The purpose of this project is to provide a handicap accessible fishing pier, accessible sidewalk, and plant trees. The project will also provide bank stabilization & improve water quality & wildlife habitat.

STATUS:

The Commission approved funding with the condition that the application must provide signage onsite recognizing the Outdoor Heritage Fund’s contribution to this project. Contract has been executed.

6/30/2015 - Status Report Received.

April 21, dug holes and planted five 8’ tall “Siouxland’ cottonwood trees, mulched with woodchips and watered. A volunteer worked for 2 hours planting these trees, a skidsteer was used for one hour for the planting and mulching of these trees.

May 18, drove to Mandan with truck & trailer, brought back accessible fishing pier components from ABC Boat Docks storage area, 170 miles round trip.

May 30, assembled accessible fishing pier and placed it into the lake just north of the boat ramp at Sheep Creek Dam with the assistance of 6 volunteers who worked a total of 18 hours. A bobcat was used for one hour during the assembly and installation of the fishing pier.

Work on the handicap accessible parking pad, accessible picnic table pad and accessible sidewalk to the fishing pier is scheduled to start around July 8th with the completion expected by July 25th.

It was decided to substitute a handicap accessible picnic table for the accessible park bench proposed in the grant application. It was suggested that an accessible picnic table would offer more recreational opportunities for a larger number of people. The overall cost will be slightly higher with the Grant Co. Water Resource District assuming the additional cost.

The Elgin Lions Club donated a total of \$5,400 to the Grant Co. Water Resource District in support of this project. \$2,000 was pledged for this project at the beginning of the grant writing process and an addition \$3,400 was donate to cover the estimated labor costs of subcontracting the construction of the accessible concrete parking pad, accessible picnic table area and the accessible sidewalk leading to the fishing pier.

9/28/2015 - Final report has been submitted. The Final Report states:

June 11th (Omitted from June 30th report) Cut railings to fit smaller sections of fishing pier, installed, and attached netting to make accessible fishing pier child friendly.

July 8th, worked on leveling and grading accessible parking area.

July 9th, finished dirt work, hauled gravel, sand and 1 load of rock for riprap.

July 13th, contractor set forms and rebar for concrete accessible parking area and sidewalk.

July 23rd, contractor poured and finished concrete for parking area and sidewalk.

August 10th, loaded, hauled rocks for riprap, installed riprap, finished dirt work around concrete areas.

August 20th, installed wooden railing on edge of picnic area.

September 3rd, painted blue 'handicap' lines and wheelchair stencil for accessible parking area.

The accessible fishing pier was completed at the end of April and has seen almost daily usage since it was installed. Public comments have been overwhelmingly positive. Fishing off of the accessible fishing pier was exceptionally good during May and June so the fishing pier saw almost continual usage during that time. The accessible picnic table was installed in late August. It seems that almost everyone using the accessible fishing pier also uses the picnic table at some point during their visit to this area. So far, this project has been viewed as extremely successful and much appreciated by the general public.

General purpose lawn grass will be seeded in the disturbed areas in late fall. Other minor finishing touches to the area are also needed, but overall, this project as described in the OHF application has been completed.

This project is now done for purposes of the Outdoor Heritage Fund funding.

Updated: September 28, 2015