

Commissioner Minutes

June 10, 2025 – 2:34 p.m. to 3:13 p.m.

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The Board met today at 2:34 p.m. for a presentation by Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge regarding a letter of support. Present were: Commissioners Leslie Van Beek, Brad Holton and Zach Brooks, Chief Deputy P.A. Aaron Bazzoli, Sr. Chief Deputy Ingrid Batey, Parks Director Nicki Schwend, Assistant Parks Director Michael Farrell, Eddie Owens with DFNWR, COO Greg Rast, and Deputy Clerk Jenen Ross.

Mr. Owens gave a history of this land acquisition and the reason he's requesting a letter of support. He reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which covered the following:

- Deer Flat Land Acquisition
- Additional property added last year from BMK Tract
- Approximate total of 160-acres of refuge open to recreational opportunities

At the request of Commissioner Van Beek, Director Schwend spoke about the cooperative partnership between the organizations. Discussion ensued regarding possible cooperative agreement between the DFNWR and Canyon County.

Consider letter of support for land acquisition: Upon the motion of Commissioner Holton and second by Commissioner Van Beek the Board voted unanimously to sign the letter of support for land acquisition.

Commissioner Holton motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brooks and carried unanimously. The meeting conclude at 3:13 p.m. and an audio recording is on file in the Commissioners' Office.