

Minutes

Friends of the Missouri National Recreational River (FOMNRR)

Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting

19 September 2023

Paul Lepisto called the meeting to order at 9:00 am over Zoom.

Attendance: Kelley Ashby, Shane Bertsch, Pat James, Tony Kellar, Paul Lepisto, Don Nelson, Rick Spellman, David Swanson, and Tyler Wulf. MNRR Staff attending the meeting included Tom Downs and Harrison Freund.

Paul Lepisto announced that the grant proposal (authored by Kelley Ashby, Paul Lepisto and Pat James) to the National Parks Foundation to provide funding for a ¾-time Executive Director was not funded. The National Parks Foundation has another round of proposal submissions soon, so the proposal may be revised and resubmitted.

In the meantime, the BOD needs to decide what the next steps for FOMNRR are, given the absence of current officers to fill President and Vice President roles. Discussion of whether or not to dissolve FOMNRR, the impacts on the MRE events, and other possible options followed. One discussion item involved By-Laws stipulations for what would happen to unencumbered FOMNRR funds if the organization were to dissolve.

A motion (Lepisto/Kellar) to post an invitation, drafted by Paul Lepisto and Pat James in cooperation with MNRR staff, with mention of a specific mission for FOMNRR on social media and in the *Yankton Press & Dakotan* for BOD or officer positions for 5 weeks. After the 5-week period, responses will be assessed and the BOD will meet again to determine the next steps for FOMNRR given the responses received. The motion passed 7 yes to 1 no.

The next BOD meeting will be scheduled in early November after the response period for the social media and newspaper posting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.