



Recreation Committee Awards Grants

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The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) consists of 28 counties, with each county electing a citizen to serve on the board of directors in the general election. Additionally, each director sits on a committee serving Garrison Diversion's focus areas.

The Recreation Committee is devoted to enhancing recreation opportunities within the district's communities. The main goal of the Recreation Committee is to award funds to recreation projects in communities throughout the district. The Recreation Committee meets two times a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, to award Matching Recreation Grant funds. The Matching Recreation Grant Program is funded from 20 percent of the mill levy from each member county.

Committee members include Chair Bill Krivarchka, Traill County; Dave Johnson, Benson County; Steve Metzger, Foster County; Bruce Klein, LaMoure County; and Richard Cayko, McKenzie County. They unanimously agree that participating in this fun committee is very rewarding, as providing money to many deserving recreation projects helps enhance communities across North Dakota.

The Recreation Committee recently met and awarded matching recreation grants to 13 projects totaling \$259,288. A variety of projects were approved for funding, including Frisbee golf, new playground equipment and RV park enhancements.

The following applicants received grant approval from the committee:

- Bottineau County Commission – \$10,000 for construction of a bathroom facility at Lake Metigoshe VFW Park
- Burleigh County Water Resource District – \$3,478 for installation of a vault toilet at McDowell Dam Recreation Area
- Bismarck Parks & Recreation District – \$15,053 to create prairie play nodes in Zonta Park
- Eddy County – \$8,933 to construct a recreational pavilion on the Eddy County fairgrounds
- Grand Forks Park District – \$35,000 for Phase II of Kannowski Skate Park and \$100,000 for a visitor center at Veteran’s Memorial Park
- McLean County Fair Association – \$8,770 to purchase bleachers and benches to increase seating capacity at McLean County Fairgrounds
- City of Garrison – \$7,750 to install concrete parking pads at Northview Trailer Court RV Park
- Devils Lake Park Board – \$15,000 to purchase new equipment for Lakewood Park playground
- Stutsman County Park Board – \$1,054 to develop the Island Trail at Jamestown Reservoir

- Medina Park Board – \$2,250 to install a Frisbee golf course at Medina City Park and \$2,000 to update the RV electrical hookups at Medina City Park
- City of Harvey – \$50,000 to develop a Community Facility and Clubhouse at Harvey Golf Course

“Our Recreation Committee is excited to distribute another large round of funds to recreation projects in the district,” said Bill Krivarchka, Recreation Committee chairman. “I am proud we have been able to positively impact many communities by providing recreation opportunities to enjoy!”

Garrison Diversion dedicates two-tenths of its one-mill levy to the matching recreation grant program to qualifying projects within the 28-county district and has awarded more than \$5 million to valuable recreation projects since the program began in 1990. The Recreation Committee meets every spring and fall to consider applications. The next deadline for recreation grant applications is April 1, 2020.

For more information on Garrison Diversion’s matching recreation grant program, contact Merri Mooridian at 701-652-3194, gdc@gdcd.org or PO Box 140, Carrington, ND 58421.

