

## **Bemidji State Parking Committee meeting minutes.**

**February 25, 2026, at 1:00 PM**

**Present:** Travis Barnes, Angie Wallin, Mike Smith, Adam Berg, Danelle Haugen, Aaron Ebbighause, Casey McCarthy.

### **Call to Order: 1:02 PM**

Angie mentioned concerns regarding the Nursing students who come to campus for their clinicals on a Sunday night and they cannot get a parking permit at that time, some of them end up getting a parking ticket because they cannot get their permit until Monday morning. There was discussion about having residential life provide the parking permit when the student checks in on a Sunday night.

Aaron talked about the parking permit increases over the last five years and suggested that this year we make a 3% increase on all parking permits. Last year the permit prices were frozen with no increase. Aaron talked to Public Safety personnel at other universities, and they are increasing their prices as well. Aaron explained that the income generated from parking permits goes to maintaining the parking lots.

Angie asked why different lots have different permit pricing. Casey explained the “tiered pricing” concept, the lots in the middle of campus cost more because there is more demand for them, so they charge more.

The Bangsberg E-charging station is being utilized, and vehicles are supposed to have an EV parking permit that they purchase at the Cashier’s Office.

Adam made a motion to increase the parking permit price on all permits by 3%, Mike seconded the motion, Angie remained neutral and did not vote, all others voted in favor. Aaron, Casey, and Danelle do not vote.

Linden and Birch residents have been complaining that we oversold parking stalls in those lots. Next fall we would like to sell them on a one-to-one basis, with one permit for every parking stall.

Angie asked if the Omnigo system could add a field that includes the dorm that a student lives in when they purchase their parking permits online so that students must purchase the permit that is associated with their residential building.

The parking permit refund policy was talked about. If a student drops out, or transfers, they can get a parking permit refund, but it does not happen automatically, the student must request a refund.

Travis made a motion to sell the parking permits in Linden and Birch, one-for-one, Mike seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Aaron, Casey, and Danelle did not vote.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM**