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operating the marina a chance to bid just the marina and someone who is only interested in operating the restaurant to bid on the restaurant only," Hofer said.

In the existing lease, the GF&P has a base rent of \$42,000 annually for the facilities, plus an amount equal to 7 percent of all gross receipts in excess of \$700,000. In the new lease, a separate franchise fee structure will be implemented for the marina and restaurant operations. Marina-based operations will be assessed a 7.5 percent franchise fee. The restaurant would be assessed a minimum of 4 percent.

If there are separate leases, the franchise fees would remain the same for the marina but be increased to 5 percent for the restaurant because of higher administrative costs for the state.

Instead of requiring 350 slips available for seasonal rental as in the current lease, that number will be changed to 400 in the new lease to reflect the additional slips that have been added. The new lease will also call for a minimum of 50 personal watercraft docks. When the lease was last signed, there were none.

Wi-fi service will also be required.

If the concession does not sell during this round, Hofer said Marsh will continue to operate the marina this season.

Additionally, the lease requires an appraisal of the property to be completed to determine its value once the agreement enters the final 18 months.

When a commissioner asked if the profit from the concession is enough to make a living with an almost \$3 million investment, Hofer said he could not make that determination. However, the GF&P did share the gross revenues for the marina and restaurant during the past several years for which figures are available. They were:

- \$1.5 million in 2009;
- \$1.66 million in 2010; and
- 1.55 million in 2011.

The restaurant averages around \$400,000 of those figures during the 3 1/2 to 4 months it is operational annually.

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serving line was just one long buffet style line," she added. The first major event for the

new dining hall will be the Women of Distinction luncheon, set to take place on Feb. 18.

'The event will allow a lot of the people from the community to see the changes we have made," Carda said.

Tiling for the renovations will go in this week, while the new cabinets and serving line will go in next week.

We were hoping everything would be done by this week, but it didn't work out that way," she said. "Even if we could get everything done by this week, there are still a lot of things that need to get done, like getting inspections done and getting all the necessary building codes.

Another recent change to the food service on campus is Mount Marty switching from its previous food service provider, Aramark, to Minneapolis-based A'viands on a 10-year contract. The change took place when the students came back to campus in August.

"A'viands brings in chefs from Minneapolis to go over menus with our employees here," Carda said. "We're not just serving students the same kinds of things all the time. We want to offer them new and healthy foods and expose them to different foods."

Another big reason for the switch is because officials from A'viands talked to Mount Marty staff members about their concepts of foods, including new, fresh foods and trying to use local resources whenever possible.

"We knew we had to do something for the students with the cafeteria," she said. "Students were frustrated with the food so we knew we had to make a change.'

She added that the new dining service will be much better for students when everything is in place, with far more options for students than there were before.

"It's important to show the students that we are always trying to grow and evolve and make things better for them," Carda said. "It's nice to see those kinds of things happening on campus.'

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