

Dickinson County Trail Board Meeting

8-14-2014

Board Present: Hanson, Jones, Maas, Niemeier, Reed, Sackett, Sieh, Taylor, BOS Pam Jordan, ED Martin

Board Absent: Harrington, Keizer

Visitor: H. Richter, Wahpeton citizen group

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-president Sackett

2. Quorum determined to be present

3. Adoption of Agenda, Minutes, Approval, Bills/Claims Approval: Maas moved to approve consent agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor. Carried.

4. Introduction of Visitors: A citizen group from Wahpeton expressed concerns about a privately funded trail that is proposed in Wahpeton.

5. Bills & Claims 8/14/2014: US Bank \$15 (Constant contact 8/11): Dickinson County News \$107.80 (Minutes for June and July meetings): Alliant Energy \$163.05 (Tunnel lights 7/8 to 8/5): M. Carlson \$45 (Secretarial): Web Graphics \$103.07 (Summer of Love 10' banner for fundraiser): K. Stuart \$876.22 (6 strider bikes and decorations for fundraiser [bikes \$641.23, decorations \$213.35]): J. Sieh \$27.72 (Paper, bubble wrap and tape for fundraiser): Jacobson-Westergard \$4,773.50 (July 175-180<sup>th</sup> St. plan revisions, preparation of specifications, preparation of cost estimates and efforts to communicate with landowners Project E12133): J. Sieh \$50.93 (Banner installation supplies, flower sticks, foam poster boards, pink burlap for fundraiser): US Bank \$166.76 (Staples-name tags, markers and name tag labels for fundraiser): US Bank \$44.29 (Amazon-cardboard for auction cards): US Bank \$49 (1roll stamps for fundraiser and some for Thank You letters): Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation \$100 (Membership renewal): Yesterdays Restaurant \$20,000 (Food for fundraiser): Lakes News Shopper \$98.50 (Ad for RALPH): Ties That Bind LLC \$283.50 (T-shirts for RALPH): Credit card processing fee \$118.80 (Credit card processing at fundraiser)

OLD BUSINESS:

a. DOT requires a wall on part of the 175<sup>th</sup> to 180<sup>th</sup> St. trail to achieve clear zone and proper slope. Jones and R. Hopper are working with the tenant farmer on the possibility of an easement instead of the wall. The plan is to bid let Division 1 of the trail now.

b. The Railroad project needs an appraisal update; in the process of finding an appraiser.

c. Construction update: Pioneer Beach Road is about a month behind. The trail will be constructed when the road is finished. The RR trail from Peoria joining 15<sup>th</sup> St. at the Spine Trail is also a month behind because the street construction is behind.

d. Hill Avenue Safe Routes to School project was bid let 5/20/14.

e. East Lake project planning and analysis is ongoing.

f. ED Martin has enough information to write a grant application for the Angler's Bay project.

g. REAP grant applications are due 8/15/14. Grant decisions will be known on 9/4/14.

h. Jones grant submitted to State Recreation Trails program 7/1/14.

i. The Maintenance Committee's recommendations and progress:

- Proposed plan is that Century Link will fund repair to the damaged north portion of the Bay Harbor Trail and it will be determined who replaced the south portion.
- ED Martin has asked Jacobson Westergard and Beck Engineering for a solution with drainage under the Ranch area trail.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> St. south in Spirit Lake to 175<sup>th</sup> is a rough ride. R. Hopper will make an evaluation and recommendation .
- South Tunnel fills with significant mud when it rains; Hopper is preparing a berm and tile.

- The Long Term Maintenance plan needs updating.
- There is \$90,000 remaining in the Maintenance budget.
- Discussed if there should there be a project category for renovation.
- Signing projects will be undertaken when information is compiled and money is available.
- There is a need for signing now where this is a dangerous mix of cars and bicycles.
- The committee will continue working; there may be a need for more maintenance funds.

j. Board members' project updates/status; Taylor is checking with an Eagle Scout interested in working on signing project.

k. RAGRAI –many maps and brochures were passed out at the main information center.

l. Sieh gave a final report on the successful fundraiser.

m. The "Rectangle" worked well for the fundraiser auction.

n. Auditor will handle the DCCB and Trails payments.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Garlock Slough Trail is close to private property and may require an easement.

b. Discussion regarding a memorial in the tree area along the 175<sup>th</sup> to 180<sup>th</sup> St. Trail.

c. Taylor and Martin will attend the Complete Streets Training on Sept. 3, 2014.

d. Committed to sharing ad costs with other counties for Adventure Cycling magazine.

e. Motion made by Reed and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maas to change the board meeting date to the first Friday of the month beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

f. The annual planning meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Reed and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Taylor. Carried.