

# Minutes

## Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board and Work Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 18th, 10:00 am - Noon

Greenwood Town Hall

3000 County Road 77, Tower, MN

Present: Larry Tahija, Greenwood Twp; Cathi Hively, Beatty Twp; Earl Grano, Beatty Twp; Tom Lantry, Owens Twp; Holly Larson, NPS; Caroline Owens; Carol Booth; Josh Gillson, LVRA; Phillip Anderson, Verm Lk Twp; Terri Joki-Martin, City of Tower; Joan Broten, Tower DNR Parks & Trails; Sidra Starkovich, Bois Forte

### TREASURERS REPORT:

- None
- Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$595.00 to be paid to JPG Engineering Co. by Phil Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi Hively. Motion Carried.

### TOWER TO Y-STORE UPDATE:

- Legacy grant submitted last month for 4.6 miles of this section
- Steve has flagged the trail
- Next step: Formal review process to county & state DNR and minerals review- each has a \$1,000 application fee
- Submitted IRRR Regional Trails application as a "Planning Grant". Potential to be used for: Application fees, Hire Director/Grant person/Executive Director
- Some negotiations still needed:
  - City of Tower (is the flagged route ok?)
  - Bois Forte do they approve of the route through the 3 parcels?
  - Bois Forte Trailhead input from elders, staff, museum, etc... (Mock-ups of Trailhead designs presented by Barrett from NPS)
- West Two Bridge- slated for demo in 2020. SLC would like to hear our proposal for trail in effort to save bridge for trail use.
- Continue getting letters of intent from land owners (either we purchase or more preferably, they donate)
  - Appraisals, surveys, legal docs filed and recorded with all development

### WEST SEGMENT UPDATE:

- Wakemup Bay Rd corridor and asks for LVTC cooperation. Cathi Hively will serve as Primary Contact between the LVTC and Wakemup Bay Board. This section may be eligible for Transportation Alternatives Grant
- Continue to get agreements from land owners
- Legacy Funds will apply once the details of the trail are worked out

### FUNDRAISING:

- Online donations- Char and Steve P. will update at next meeting.

- We could potentially use ARDC remaining time from Barb Keske to assist with fundraising. Carol B. will contact her to find out how much is left
- Josh G. reported that small scale fundraising to include brochures and soliciting- will follow up with an annual fall or winter ask, “thank you for your donation, will you donate again?” Large scale Josh will ask business for support or funding with a multi-use letter template that can be tweaked
- Fundraising/Sponsorship Packet to include: Overview of project, list of accomplishments, future plans, invitation to mtgs
- Josh G will set up technology for events such as: “Give to the Max Day”, “Kickstarter” “GoFund Me” once paypal and donate now button are ready
- Will develop a list of tech companies such as Google, Target, AT&T, Excel, RMS, Seppi, Pohaki, Joy Global, CBC, True Value, Local Banks
- Goal to have packets ready for next mtg and then start to develop a plan
- Josh G will monitor email which is [lakevermilliontrail@gmail.com](mailto:lakevermilliontrail@gmail.com)

#### MARKETING/PUBLIC RELATIONS/VOLUNTEER:

- Goal for each committee member to try to recruit to assist on the subcommittees
- Holly will write a volunteer job description
- LVRA/Tim J offered to hold a few file cabinets which will store our things

#### JOINT POWERS BOARD:

- Bylaws- all statues have been checked to be stated as correct and appropriate except for the first one listed (Minn Stat 412.191)- the board concurred to simply remove it.
- Committee will send language change suggestions to Sidra S and will be discussed at next Oct mtg. Final draft and review of bylaws will take place at Nov mtg

#### OTHER:

- Ask Steve P. how he posts meetings and where he posts them
- Reminder that we need a \$50 deposit for each meeting at Greenwood Hall
- Carol will reserve the room at the Cook Forestry bldg.
- Tim J will attend the Kab & Sturgeon River DNR Trail mtg to remind them of our presence on 9/26
- Carol will send Sidra S a press release for review
- Holly L presented the committee with a plaque and announced it was her last mtg with us. She will pass the flash drive to us with all files
- Next mtg Tuesday, Oct. 16 @ 10 am at the Cook Forestry
- Motion to adjourn by Phil Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathi Hively. Mtg adjourned at 12:04

Respectfully submitted by Sidra Starkovich