



Linn County Trails Association Board Meeting Monday August 14th, 2017



The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association’s Board of Directors was held on August 14th, 2017 at the Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

Attendance:

Board Member	✓
Sarah Barber	
Dean Barnum	x
John Ernst	
Vicky Evans	X
Paul Fiegen (Past-President)	X
Leland Freie	x
John Hager	
<u>Diane Handler</u>	x
<u>Steve Hershner</u>	x
Kevin Kirchner (Vice-President)	x
Kyle Lundberg	x
Ron McGraw	
Dick Mundy	x
Brad Mullin (Secretary)	X
Gary Palmer	x
Phillip Platz	x
Tom Peffer (President)	x
Larry Scott	x
Kirschen Seah	x
Rich Smith	X
Keith Sutherland (Treasurer)	x
John Wauer	x
Dick Woodward	

<u>Advisory Board Members</u>	
Ron Griffith (CR Engineering Dept)	
Daniel Gibbins (CR Parks and Rec. Dept.)	
Dan Biechler (Linn County Conservation)	x
Randy Burke (Linn County Conservation)	x
Dennis Goemaat (Linn County Conservation)	
Kesha Billings (City of Marion)	
Brandon Whyte (Multimodal Transportation Planner, Corridor MPO Rep.)	
Barry McQuiston (LAMBA Rep)	
Ken Barker (LAMBA)	
Ed Holstrom (Trail Map Distribution)	

Guests: Karen Franker David Franker

Call to Order:

President, Tom Peffer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes for the July board meeting were distributed electronically. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$80,105. The report was approved unanimously.

Keith Fletcher Recognition:

With Keith Fletcher's recent passing, the Board took to time to reflect on Keith's contributions to the LCTA. Keith's daughter, Karen Franker presented the Board with \$2,500 in memorial checks.

Presentation: Brad Friedhof, Conservation Program Manager: Johnson County Conservation Board.

Brad spoke on the history of trails and trail development in Johnson County. In addition, he presented future county trail projects:

Hoover Trail:

The connection of the Ely and Solon consists of three phases. The first phase is scheduled for bid in October 2017. The trail will begin in the Solon Recreation Area and parallel the Lake MacBride State Park Trail functioning as a "dual-surface" trail. A new bridge over Mill Creek and a rest area at Gaddis Pond are planned for the first phase that ends at Polk Ave. The second phase, possibly bid in 2017/2018, will go from Seven Sisters Rd. into the Hawkeye Wildlife Area with a large bridge over Lingle Creek. The third phase will connect the first two and occur with a road construction project on Ely Road in 2019. Some of the railroad right-of-way was returned to land owners due to revisionary clauses in the original contracts with the railroad. The third phase of the trail move to the west side of Ely with an underpass of Ely Rd. There will be an at-grade crossing at the new roundabout at the intersection of Ely Road and Highway 382.

Mehaffey Road Trail:

In 2016, a new Mehaffey Road bridge over the Coralville Reservoir was constructed with a bicycle bridge included in the project. In October 2017, a new concrete trail from Cedar Springs Rd. to the new bridge will be constructed. It will allow riders to reach the Sugar Bottom Recreation Area by trail.

Clear Creek Trail:

In late fall 2018, Johnson County plans to continue the Clear Creek trail west underneath the I-380/27 and I-80 interchange with the eventual connection to the Kent Park in Oxford.

Hoover Trail:

After completion of the Hoover Trail to Solon, the county plans to extend the Hoover Trail to West Branch to an existing section of the Hoover Trail.

Committee Reports:

1. Trail Advocacy Committee:

A. Linn County Conservation: Randy Burke gave the following report on trail-related projects:

1. Grant Wood Trail:

The county requested a design proposal to start the planning process for the trail extension from Hwy. 13 to Oxley Rd. The County has proposed a "soft-surfacing" project for the trail. The County has trails grant funding of \$220,000 to assist with this project. Soft-surfacing of the trail may occur in late 2017 into 2018. The surface will be similar to the CVNT before paving. The County is working with the city of Marion in constructing a parking lot at the new Waldo's Rock Park. The trail may be paved to the park. The County also will build a new parking area east of Creekside Rd., just off of Secrist Rd. this year.

2. Outreach and Public Awareness Committee (Phillip Platz and Paul Fiegen):

1. Phillip Platz: LCTA Fall Capital Campaign: A committee still needs to meet to discuss ideas for the campaign.
2. 2017 Mayors' Bike Ride: The ride is Monday, September 4th. Gary Palmer discussed the progress of the planning for the event. He agreed to distribute a poster to the Board.
3. Trails Connections Fall Newsletter: With the Summer newsletter in the mail, the next deadline for articles for the Fall Newsletter is September 18th.
4. Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers' Market: Brad reported parking 127 bikes at the July 15th market and 65 bikes at August 5th market. Sign-up sheets for the August 19th and September 2nd. Markets were circulated.
5. Marion Uptown Market: On August 12th, Brad Mullin, Vicky Evans and Rich Smtih staffed an informational booth and parked 9 bicycles. The next Uptown Market is September 30th.
6. Imagine Moundview Event: The Moundview neighborhood association and area businesses will hold an event on Saturday September 9th on area streets. The organizers expressed an interest in having the LCTA park bicycles and hand out information. Brad Mullin agreed to attend the event. A volunteer sheet was circulated.
7. Cedar Valley Nature Trail Ribbon Cutting: Around 60 people, including the major donors, attended the event on Saturday, August 12th at the depot in Center Point. Philip Platz shared pictures of the event.

New Business:

1. Resolution to recognize Ron Corbett: The Board discussed passing a resolution recognizing Mayor Ron Corbett's support and contributions to the development of trails in Linn County. Mayor Corbett is scheduled to attend the October Board meeting.
2. Emeritus Board Member Resolution: The board discussed the addition of "Emeritus" board members who have had a long standing service to the LCTA board. The established of the new status will require a by-law change. The language of the change will be presented at the October meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm



Linn County Trails Association CALENDAR OF EVENTS



LCTA Board Meetings

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, September 11th, 6:00pm

Location: Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building
1111 Shaver Rd. NE.