

Linn County Trails Association

Board Meeting

Monday January 11, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on January 11, 2016 at the Shores Event Center. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

LCTA Board Members:

Paul Feigen (President) Tom Peffer (Vice President) Keith Sutherland (Treasurer) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Dean Barnum Vicky Evans Leland Freie Steve Hershner Kevin Kirchner Kyle Lundberg Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Larry Scott John Wauer Kesha Billings Brandon Whyte

Guests:

Derek LaGrange Philip Platz Mindy Seiffert

Call to Order:

President, Paul Fiegen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$110,035. The board reviewed a proposed budget for the upcoming year. A vote on the budget will occur in February.

Reports for Standing Committees:

A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen)

1. **New Area Trail Guide:** The development of the map will be a partnership between the LCTA, CMPO, City of Cedar Rapids, City of Marion and Linn County. The group has reviewed front cover options.
2. **Ride Walk Play Event:** Gary Palmer informed the group of interest to conduct the event again this year.
3. **Grant Wood Trails of Linn County(CMPO):** The next Grant Wood Trails of Linn County meeting (CMPO) is Tuesday, February 2nd, at 6pm until 7pm. The meeting location is at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids

B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):

1. **Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO)** :Brandon Whyte discussed the CMPO's call for projects for \$4.2 million in funds for the fiscal year 2020 . This is the final year for the 80/20 funding for trails. Brandon discussed the four projects submitted:

- a. **Marion:** 10th Ave Trail from 35th St. to the Wal-Mart entrance.

- b. Linn County: Seminole Valley Trail: Construction of a trail along 42nd St. westward from Edgewood Rd. The trail would proceed north on the west side of Xavier High School. The trail would pass near the Rock Island Preserve and connect to the new Highway 100 construction.
- c. Linn County : Seminole Valley Trail: The creation of a trail on the north side of the Cedar River from the Edgewood Rd. bridge to Seminole Valley Park.
- d. Cedar Rapids: Lindale Trail Extension: Construction of a trail west of Council St. to connect to the Cedar River Trail at Center Point Rd. Additional funding was secured as the CMPO voted to defund the Dry Creek Trail: Phase One project and apply to funds to the Lindale Trail project.

2.City of Cedar Rapids

a.Lindale Trail Extension: No new updates. Discussion with Rockwell Collins, property owners and the City of Cedar Rapids continue. Whenever the property is developed, the trail easement is reserved.

3. Linn County Conservation: No Report.

4. Marion:

a. **Grant Wood Trail Extension** : With construction estimates higher than anticipated, the project is under review to make changes and/or find additional funding.

B.Trail Operations and Safety :

1. **Cedar Valley Nature Trail:** A section of trail is closed north of Schultz Rd.
2. **Cedar River Trail:** In December 2015, the Cedar River Trail south of Tait Cummins Park was closed due to construction associated with the Prairie Creek Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction project. As part of flood alleviation, the sewer is being replaced from J St. to the Cedar River. A section of Cedar River Trail north of the Union Pacific Railroad Overpass was temporarily removed. The trail should reopen in the spring.

New Business:

1. **New Meeting Location:** LCTA is looking for a new meeting location. Steve Hershner volunteered to research possible locations. Anyone with suggestions may contact Steve.
2. **Cedar Valley Nature Trail: Phase 4 Capital Campaign:** Jon Wauer moved that the initial \$18,000 transferred from the Trail Development Fund, to start the campaign, be transferred back to the Trail Development Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, February 8th, 7:00pm
Location: Shores Event Center

700 16th St NE L100

LCTA Board Meeting

Monday, March 14th, 7:00pm

Location: Shores Event Center

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