

Linn County Trails Association

Board Meeting

Monday April 11, 2016

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

LCTA Board Members:

Paul Fiegen (President) Tom Peffer (Vice President) Keith Sutherland Brad Mullin (Secretary) Dean Barnum Leland Freie Steve Hershner Kevin Kirchner Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Larry Scott John Wauer Dick Woodward Kesha Billings

Guests:

Jim Borschel Mike Wilson Phillip Platz Craig Erickson

Call to Order:

President, Paul Fiegen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$121,504. The board approved the 2016 budget unanimously.

Reports for Standing Committees:

A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen)

1. **New Area Trail Guide:** The development of the map is 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. The event may be part of the Freedom Festival with a date of Thursday, June 23 from 5-8pm. LCTA will provide the insurance coverage for the event.
3. **Grant Wood Trails of Linn County(CMPO):** The next Grant Wood Trails of Linn County meeting (CMPO) is Tuesday, April 12th, at 6pm until 7pm. The meeting location is at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center at 935 2nd Street SW, Cedar Rapids
4. **Tour de Trees:** Sunday April 17th, 1 to 4 pm. Pedal with Trees Forever on a 13-mile bicycle ride! The ride begins at Another Road Brewing (located at 631 9th Street in Marion). It will head southwest and stop at a few tree-related points of interest. Bicyclists will see a recent planting along 22nd Street in Marion, volunteer projects at the Indian Creek Nature Center and the beautiful mature trees along the Sac and Fox Trail, the Prairie Park Fishery and more. The ride ends at the Lion Bridge Brewing Company (located at 59 16th Avenue SW in Cedar Rapids).
5. **Marion City Showcase:** Saturday, April 23rd, Marion City Square Park. City staff will be on hand to visit with residents and share information about upcoming projects. Kesha Billings will lead an 8 mile bicycle ride around the city beginning at 1pm.
6. **Transamerica Health Fair:** April 13th and April 14th, 10:30 to 1:30pm. Volunteers are needed, anyone interested should contact Gary Palmer.
7. **LCTA/HBA Joint Rides:**

a. Saturday, April 16th, 9am. Ride will begin the Cedar Valley Nature Trail Boyson Rd. Trailhead to Lafayette and back.

b. Saturday, May 21st, 8:30 am. Ride will begin at Sokol Park to Ely City Park and back.

8. **Corridor MPO Ride:** The ride is being planned for May 14th.

9. **Trail Counters:** The counter at Center Point was removed in anticipation of the upcoming construction. John displayed the new signage for the trail counters. The new signs have a QR code that directly links the reporter the trail counter webpage.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sW8FDZE67TW8EAawyYZ-T99DpqVwdKCuo-FKV8uidao/viewform>.

John expressed the need for more individuals to report counts.

10. **T-Shirt Development Committee:** The committee has chosen a design and color. The shirts may be available at the May 9th meeting.

B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):

1. **Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO)** : Steve Hershner discussed the CMPO's call for projects for \$4.2 million in funds for the fiscal year 2020 . The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee has recommended the following for funding to the policy board:

a. **Marion: 10th Ave Trail** from 35th St. to the Wal-Mart entrance (Eagle View Dr.). Ten foot paths on both the north and south sides of the 10th Ave.

b. **Cedar Rapids: Lindale Trail Extension:** Construction of a trail west of Council St. to connect to the Cedar River Trail at Center Point Rd (1.7 mile). The proposed plans include an underpass of Blairs Ferry 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. 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. Kesha Billing submitted a request of \$75,000 from the LCTA to fund the paving of half a mile of trail from the Squaw Creek Bridge to the Underpass of Highway 13. Construction may begin in 2017 depending on funding.

3. Future Trail Development Project Funding:

John Wauer discussed the use of LCTA funds for future trail development. John advocates LCTA should use available funds to encourage development and improvement of trails in a timely manner. In that process LCTA may provide matching funds, up to 10-20%, for projects that may otherwise be delayed, and possibly 100% for small projects that are important, such as safety issues, that may not get government funding for some time. He proposed that future projects must be within LCTA budget and not require separate fund raising as with a capital campaign. It was recommended that a Trail Planning Committee be established. The committee could establish priorities, contact jurisdictions and survey trail users about needs for development.

B. Trail Operations and Safety :

1. **Cedar Valley Nature Trail:** A section of trail is closed north of Schultz Rd.

New Business:

1. **New Meeting Location:** Steve Hershner volunteered to research possible locations. Steve recommended that the new meeting location at the Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building. It is located at 1111 Shaver Rd. NE. Tom Peffer moved that the meeting will begin at 6pm at the Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building. The motion passed unanimously. The April board meeting will occur at the Shores Events Center, with the May meeting held at the Water Administration Building. Steve moved that a \$250 check be written to the Shores Event Center as a token of appreciation. The motion was approved unanimously.
 2. **Springville Monday Niters Club Meeting:** The group requested a presentation at Monday, May 2nd meeting. Steve Hershner agreed to present to the group.
- Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15



Linn County Trails Association

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LCTA Board Meetings

LCTA Board Meeting
Monday, May 9th, 6:00pm
Location: Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building
1111 Shaver Rd. NE.

LCTA Board Meeting
Monday, June 13th, 6:00pm
Location: Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building
1111 Shaver Rd. NE.