



# Linn County Trails Association Board Meeting Monday September 11th, 2017



The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association’s Board of Directors was held on September 11th, 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	x
Dean Barnum	x
John Ernst	
Vicky Evans	
<b>Paul Fiegen</b> (Past-President)	
Leland Freie	x
John Hager	
<u>Diane Handler</u>	x
<u>Steve Hershner</u>	x
<b>Kevin Kirchner</b> (Vice-President)	x
Kyle Lundberg	
Ron McGraw	
Dick Mundy	x
<b>Brad Mullin</b> (Secretary)	X
Gary Palmer	x
Phillip Platz	x
<b>Tom Peffer</b> (President)	
Larry Scott	
Kirschen Seah	x
Rich Smith	X
<b>Keith Sutherland</b> (Treasurer)	x
John Wauer	x
Dick Woodward	x

<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)	
Dennis Goemaat (Linn County Conservation)	x
Kesha Billings (City of Marion)	x
Brandon Whyte (Multimodal Transportation Planner, Corridor MPO Rep.)	
Barry McQuiston (LAMBA Rep)	
Ken Barker (LAMBA)	
Ed Holstrom (Trail Map Distribution)	

**Guests:** Jan Baustin

**Call to Order:**

Vice President, Kevin Kirchner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$84,753. The report was approved unanimously.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **1. Trail Advocacy Committee:**

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

#### **1. West Blue Creek Bridge:**

Work is completed on the project and the bridge is open for use.

**2. Hoover Trail (south of Ely):** Paving is nearly complete. The trail could open at the end of September for use.

#### **4. East Blue Creek:**

The County has a project agreement with IDOT for the East Blue Creek, and design work has begun. The letting is scheduled for fall 2017. Their goal would be to replace the bridge this winter.

#### **5. 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. 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 paved to the park. The County also will build a new parking area east of Creekside Rd., just off of Secrist Rd. this year. Anderson-Bogert was hired for the design and engineering. The project could be bid this winter, with construction occurring in the spring/summer of 2018.

#### **6. Highway 100 Trail:**

1. Funding is available for the design and engineering for the section from 42<sup>nd</sup> St to the Cedar River in the fall of 2017. Projected construction could occur in late 2018 or 2019.

### **B. City of Marion (Kesha Billings)**

**1. Grant Wood Trail ( Highway 13 to 35<sup>th</sup> St.):** The Iowa DOT and Army Corps of Engineers have reviewed the project plans. A letting is scheduled for December 2017 and construction in 2018.

**2. Grant Wood Trail (35<sup>th</sup> St west to 31<sup>st</sup> St.):** The city of Marion owns all of the railroad right-of-way between 35<sup>th</sup> St. and 31<sup>st</sup> St. Trail construction will be a capital improvement project in the Fall 2018.

**3. CEMAR Trail:** Shoemaker Holland has completed the design work for the paving of the trail north of Highway 100 and the bridge replacement. The Iowa DOT has approved the design. The city is waiting for approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

**4. Indian Creek Trail:** Funding is almost available for the design and engineering of the trail from the Donnelly Park bridge north along Indian Creek to Tower Terrace Road.

**5. On Street Facilities:** The city of Marion Public Services Department will paint additional Sharrows and Bike lane on several new Marion streets.

**6. Swamp Fox Festival:** The festival is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bike parking will be available in City Square Park from 8:30am to 1 pm. A 8 mile leisurely ride with Pedal Marion will take place after the conclusion of the market at 1pm. Brad Mullin circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

**C. Corridor MPO:** Brandon Whyte is looking for input for ideas to help with new Grant Wood Trails of Linn County website and app. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Brandon,

**D. Linn Area Mountain Bike Association:**

**1. Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day:** Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Squaw Creek Park, Meadowlark Shelter. 11am to 2pm. Guided ride through the park.

**2. Beverly Park Trail Run:** Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Beverly Park.

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

**A. Phillip Platz: LCTA Fall Capital Campaign:** The committee, Leland Freie, Philip Platz, John Wauer and Tom Pepper, met and decided on two projects for the board to choose to pursue:

a. **Cedar Valley Nature Trail: Paving from Center Point to Urbana.** The LCTA would raise funds to assist the county in the application for funding for the project. The five mile section would continue from outside Center Point to Urbana.

b. **Grant Wood Trail: Property Acquisition:** The LCTA would raise funds to aid the county in purchasing the missing seven tenths of a mile section of railroad right-of-way east of Oxley Road to Creekside Road. However, the county has not had success in negotiating with the current landowners for an easement over the years.

After discussion, Diane Handler moved that the Board pursue a capital campaign to raise funds for the paving Cedar Valley Nature Trail proposal rather than the Grant Wood Trail proposal. Dick Mundy seconded the motion. After further discussion the Board voted, the motion passed with a majority of votes. *Those who voted in favor of the motion were: Sarah Barber, Leland Freie, Diane Handler, Steve Hershner, Kevin Kirchner, Dick Mundy, Brad Mullin, Gary Palmer, Phillip Platz, Kirschen Seah, Rich Smith, Keith Sutherland and John Wauer. Those who voted against the motion were: Dean Barnum and Dick Woodward.*

Dan Biechler agreed to inform the Linn County Conservation Board of the LCTA's intention of assisting with the future Cedar Valley Nature Trail project.

**B.2017 Mayors' Bike Ride:** The ride was Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, just over 300 people participated including 7 elected officials. The ride raised \$500 in donations. Gary and Leland thanked all those who volunteered for the event.

**C.Trails Connections Fall Newsletter:** With the Summer newsletter in the mail, the next deadline for articles for the Fall Newsletter is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Cedar Rapids Downtown Farmers' Market:** Brad reported parking 85 bikes at the August 19<sup>th</sup> market and 50 bikes at September 2<sup>nd</sup> market. A sign-up sheet for the September 16<sup>th</sup> market was circulated.

**E. Marion Uptown Market:** The next Uptown Market is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Imagine Moundview Event:** The Moundview neighborhood association and area businesses held an event on Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> on area streets. Brad Mullin reported parking 14 bicycles and answering several questions about the CEMAR trail.

**3. Map Committee (Dean Barnum):** Dean announced his intentions of passing on the responsibility of maintaining the map boxes, map distribution and map development to someone else next year.

**4. Trail Counter (John Wauer):** John reported need for more data submissions from the counters, especially from the counter located on East Post Rd. along the Sac and Fox Trail.

**5. Trails Operation and Safety Committee (Dick Mundy):** Dick reported that the Cedar Valley Nature Trail bridges over Cedar Lake and McLoud Run at 29<sup>th</sup> Ave are need of repair and the City of Cedar Parks Department are addressing the issue. Dick also would like more input about safety issues and repairs on the City of Cedar Rapids west-side.

### **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.

3. **LCTA Board Nominating Committee:** The committee of Diane Handler, Steve Hershner and Dean Barnum will present a nomination list for the LCTA Board at the October Meeting for approval.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm



## Linn County Trails Association CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### **LCTA Board Meetings**

LCTA Board Meeting

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Cedar Rapids Water Administration Building

1111 Shaver Rd. NE.