

# **Linn County Trails Association**

## **Board & Fifteen in 5 Meeting**

### **Monday January 10, 2011**

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday January, 10 2011 at the People's Unitarian Church. A quorum was present and included the following:

#### **LCTA Board Members:**

John Wauer (President) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Steve Hershner (Vice President)  
Keith Sutherland (Treasurer) Kari Lammer Jim Healy Vicky Evans John Goodlove Mike Heffern  
Jeff Keiser Jeff Rosencrants Mike Wilson Nancy Craig Ed Holstorn Joe Clark Michelle Barker  
Randy Burke Ron McGraw

#### **Guests:**

Brett Nielles

#### **Call to Order:**

John Wauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Approval of the Minutes:**

The minutes for the November meeting were distributed electronically. There were no minutes for December, since a reception was held at the Benz Beverage Depot. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$156,126. An audit, as required by the Bylaws, was conducted by John Wauer and Mike Wilson of the treasurer's record. They found no discrepancies. A letter detailing the audit was given to the secretary.

#### **Reports for Standing Committees:**

##### **A. Capital Campaign Update (Steve Hershner):**

1. The Capital Campaign is officially closed. The campaign raised \$87,110. Randy Burke, on behalf of the county, expressed its gratitude for the financial assistance. The capital campaign committee members were Steve Hershner, Keith Sutherland, Jim Healy, Joe Clark, Bernie Smith, and Brad Mullin.

##### **B. Trail Development (Steve Hershner):**

1. Cedar Valley Nature Trail: Randy Burke reported that surveying has begun. The County has done some preliminary trimming and pruning. The construction contract should be let in August and construction should begin in the fall of this year.

2. Grant Wood Trail: A concept statement has been resubmitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation with the trail going straight under Highway 13. Actual construction may begin in 2012, as a detour of Highway 13 would involve going through an area under construction in Marion during 2011.

3. Ellis Trail: John Wauer reported that the design work extending the Ellis Trail to Edgewood Road has started. Construction of the actual trail may be in 2012.

##### **C. Public Awareness and Support (Kari Lammer):**

1. Kari Lammer reported that 77 people attended the reception at the Benz Beverage Depot on December, 7<sup>th</sup>. The event raised \$350.

2. The committee continues to work on the plan for 2011.

3. Engineering students from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology have developed a test for their trail application, "*Trail Mapping for Mobile Devices*," for I-Phone and Android platforms. If you would like to try the application, contact Kari Lammer.

D. Government Support:

1. John Wauer has agreed to serve interim chair-person. He announced the following board members who have agreed to serve as liaisons on area committees.

Cedar Rapids Bicycle Advisory Committee-John Wauer

Metropolitan Planning Commission-Geoff Eastburn

Marion Imagine8- Vicky Evans

Linn County Conservation Commission- Tom Pepper

E. Trail Operations and Safety (Ron McGraw)

1. There was discussion of using designated funds for amenities at Ely City Park.

2. John Wauer moved that \$1500 be issued to the Linn County Conservation Department for the construction of a new kiosk at Boyson Rd. The project was funded by a hotel-motel tax grant. The new kiosk will be constructed over the winter and installed in 2011.

New Business:

A. New Bohemia Half-Marathon: Brett Niellis from the New Bohemia Group extended gratitude for the LCTA's assistance with the New-Bo Half Marathon. The group plans to hold the event again in 2011. The group will have Eco-Arts Fest, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The event will have a 5k race.

B. Iowa Bicycle Summit: Michelle Barker encouraged attendance at the summit held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit:

<http://www.iowabicyclecoalition.org/iowabicyclesummit>

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Brad Mullin/Secretary



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February/March 2011



**LCTA Board Meeting**

Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm

People's Church

600 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. NE.

Tentative speaker: Jon Bogert, Anderson-Bogert Engineers and Surveyors Inc., on CEMAR Trail.

**LCTA Board Meeting**

Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm

People's Church

600 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. NE.

Tentative speaker: Jeff Pomeranz, Cedar Rapids City Manager.