

# **Linn County Trails Association**

## **Board Meeting**

### **Monday August 12, 2013**

The monthly meeting of the Linn County Trail Association's Board of Directors was held on Monday August 12, 2013 at the United Way of East Central Iowa. A quorum was present. Those who attended the meeting were the following:

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

Steve Hershner (President) Brad Mullin (Secretary) Paul Fiegen Leland Freie Ed Holstrom Jeff Keiser Ron McGraw Dick Mundy Gary Palmer Eric Penne Kirschen Mindy Seiffert John Wauer Mike Wilson Dan Biechler Randy Burke Dennis Goemaat Daniel Gibbins

#### **Guests:**

Rex McCright Brian Dugan Jeff Portman Kyle Lundberg John Myers (Indian Creek Nature Center) Jean Wiedenhoff (Indian Creek Nature Center) Craig Elliot Ben Elliot

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

President, Steve Hershner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

The minutes for the June board meeting were distributed electronically. Approval of the minutes passed unanimously. There was no July Board Meeting as voted on at the June meeting.

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

Keith Sutherland reported current assets of \$68,649. Payment was made to the City of Cedar Rapids for the paving of the Lindale Trail last month. Approval of the August Treasurer's Report passed unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

**A. Cedar Rapids Sunrise Rotary Club Presentation:** President Steve Hershner gave a presentation to 35 members of the Sunrise Rotary Club.

#### **B. Volunteer Opportunitites:**

1. **Mayors' Bike Ride**, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013: A few volunteers are needed for the ride. Interested volunteers should contact this year's ride coordinator Gary Palmer. Volunteers should check in at Ellis Park around 9:00am the morning of the ride.

2. **Meet Me At the Market**: John Wauer reported an average 160 attendees per week. There is a need for more bicycling attendees. Interested volunteers should contact John to assist with the event each Thursday.

3. **Downtown Farmers' Markets**: Volunteers are needed for the September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> Downtown Farmers' Market bike corral. Sign-up sheets were circulated. Interested volunteers should contact Brad Mullin or show-up at any time during the market to help.

4. **NewBo Fest Half Marathon**, September 1<sup>st</sup>: LCTA will assist with a water stop during the race. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteer or contact Paul Fiegen.

5. **Cedar Rapids Schools Health Fair**, Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> (3-6pm): Volunteers are needed to distribute trail information during the fair. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers or contact Paul Fiegen.

6. **Walk to End Alzheimer's**, September 28<sup>th</sup> (10am): Volunteers are needed for assisting walkers through the current trail detour. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers or contact Paul Fiegen.

7. **IMBA/LAMBA Trail Crew Trail Building**: The International Mountain Bike Association will have an information trail building presentation on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Chrome Horse Saloon from 3-6pm. They will host a Trail Building School from 9am-noon on September 28<sup>th</sup> at Squaw Creek Park. Volunteers can

assist with Squaw Creek trail building in the afternoon. Contact Michelle Barker or Eric Penne if you would like to attend.

### **New Business:**

**1. Cedar River Trail Mile Markers:** In response to the need for better location for emergency responders, the City of Cedar Rapids and Cedar Rapids Parks Department will paint mile markers every tenth of a mile on the Cedar River Trail. The markers will start at the Linn/Johnson County Line and end at the Cedar Valley Nature Trail. A marker with the trail name will be painted every mile on the trail. The LCTA plan to assist with the painting of the markers and a crew of 2 or 3 volunteers is needed. A practice run is scheduled for early September; anyone interested should contact John Wauer. The project will coordinate with the Daybreak Rotary's plans to install new mile markers along the trail in the Cedar Lake area.

**2. Indian Creek Nature Center:** John Myers, new executive director of operations at the Indian Creek Nature Center, and Jean Wiedenhoff introduced themselves to the board. They expressed the willingness to work with LCTA on any trail issues around the Indian Creek Nature Center and Linn County.

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

#### **A. Public Awareness and Support (Paul Fiegen):**

1. In addition to volunteer opportunities, Paul is working on Facebook updates.

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

##### **1. City of Cedar Rapids:**

a. The Cedar River Trail underpass of the CRANDIC Railroad Bridge is moving forward.

b. Sac and Fox Trail: Daniel Gibbins reported that Parks Department crews are beginning flood repairs to the Sac and Fox Trail and near completion of the new relocated section of trail near Mt. Vernon Rd. The goal is to have the trail completed mid-September. Dick Mundy expressed the need for signage directing trail users from the Prairie Park Fishery Trail and Sac and Fox Trail using the new short trail connection.

##### **2. Linn County Conservation Department:**

A. Randy Burke reported on Linn County recent trail development:

1. Grant Wood Trail: Plans are moving forward for the Grant Wood Trail Underpass of Highway 13. A bid letting is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Construction is scheduled for Spring/Summer 2014.

2. Hoover Nature Trail: On May 13<sup>th</sup>, The Ely City Council selected "Alternate 1" as the preferred route (in agreement with the County Conservation Board) for the trail extension. The route will run parallel to Ely Rd from Ely City Hall to the Linn/Johnson County Line. Landowners have raised concerns about drainage. A meeting September 5<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to meet with affected property owners.

3. Cedar Valley Nature Trail: ITC completed pole installation and the trail is open from Robins Rd. to County Home Rd. ITC will repair damages in three areas made to the section of trail starting August 13<sup>th</sup>. The trail should be open for use at night. On August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, crews will apply asphalt preservation coating from Main Street Robins to Schultz Road. The trail should be closed for only a day or two. In mid-August, the County will repair a damaged farm crossing just south of the I-380 underpass north of Center Point. The trail and underpass will close while the work is completed. In July, the County submitted a State Recreational Trails Grant application for paving the section from Schultz Rd. to Center Point. Grant awards are scheduled for mid-September.

3. LAMBA: Eric Penne discussed the trail damage associated with ITC maintenance/construction within Beverly Park. Several sections of the single track mountain bike trail system will require rehabilitation.

### **C. Government Support:**

1. Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO): No Report

**D. Trail Operations and Safety (Jeff Keiser):**

1. No Report

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.



## **Linn County Trails Association**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September/October 2013



#### **LCTA Board Meeting**

Monday, September 9 , 7:00pm

Location: United Way of East Central Iowa  
317 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE

#### **LCTA Board Meeting**

Monday, October 14, 7:00pm

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