

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FRIENDS of the PANHANDLE PATHWAY Inc.

Board of Directors, Officers:

John Bawcum, President
Ron Simshauser, Vice President
Mike O'Connor, Treasurer
Tom Anspach, Secretary

Meeting Date: 4/16/.2009 Thursday Noon

Location: Winamac Municipal Building, aka Pulaski County Development

Commission

Attendees

Rex Allman (Winamac); Carl Anspach (Winamac); Tom Anspach (Winamac); John Bawcum (Winamac); Mike O'Conner (Winamac); Ron Simshauser (Winamac); Larry Spiewak (Monterey); Nancy Spiewak (Monterey); Jim Thompson (Star City); Dan Dolezal (Winamac);

Called to Order-

- o Meeting called to order at about Noon by John Bawcum President.

Regular Business

Previous minutes-

- o 3/31/2009 minutes were approved. (include actionee names in future minutes, continue including Bank statement review table)

Treasurer's/Budget report-

- o Bank Statements reviewed, summarized below.

Report Date		4/16/2009						
Bank	Type	Asset	Liability	Withdraw	Deposit	\$ Interest	Int Rate	Date
Alliance -33	Checking	\$672.69		\$33,301.92	\$23,578.42		0%	3/31
Alliance -33	Loan		\$40,378	\$23,578.42			3.75%	3/30
Alliance -53	Money Market	\$193,462.10		\$181,892.08	\$146,578.62		1.50%	3/31
First National	Savings	\$177,249.05		\$41,000.00		\$346.79	2.47%	4/3
First Federal Savings	Savings	\$186,368.83		\$41,000.00		\$350.88	2.02%	3/30
Community Bank	Savings	\$185,664.97				\$342.96	2.01%	3/10
Comm. Foundation	Savings	\$2,196.36					0.00%	1/21
Total		\$745,614.00	\$40,378.42	\$320,772.42	\$170,157.04	\$1,040.63		
Net	\$705,235.58							
Change from:	This report less Last Report							
3/31/09	(\$188,826.47)							

Send Mike O the invoice from Go Daddy web URL renewal to Mike O (Tom A)

Operations Committee –

[Safety, Maintenance and Management- (includes insurance, coordination of safety patrol and safety plans, and development of a maintenance plan and budget)

- o After discussion we decided not to pursue converting 501c4 to 501c3, at this time.

Public Relations Committee –

[All publicity and promotion activities (may include press releases, web site, trail brochure and map, t-shirt/hat sales, booth at fairs and festivals, etc)].

- o Discussion of the Vulcan Stone donation photo op resulted in playing low key as the timeliness had passed. Will try to get on together when we start using the stone.

- The need to get the Web site in good operating condition was discussed. Will be brought up at the next Publicity Meeting.

Land Acquisition Committee –

[Acquisition of all property for trail, trailheads, etc. includes review of documents, one-on-one discussions with property owners, preparation of deed, title work, etc. assuring title is properly transferred, etc.]

- Paperwork, with the Surface Transportation Board, is still in process to transfer the Railbanking agreements from ITF to FoPP.
- Paper work is started requesting exemption from Pulaski and Cass County Property taxes. .

Construction Committee –

[Coordination of construction activities and approval of requests from contractors for payment (this includes working with the segment coordinators as needed to make sure everyone is clear on the scope of construction)]

- Motion was made, discussed, seconded, passed to accept the \$42,000 Star City Sewer District offer for the easement for the sewer line from Star City to Winamac Sewer plant and the \$5,000 offer for Lease (or purchase) of the 0.75 acre lot for location of their pumping station.
 - ✓ Sewer line to be placed off to the west of the trail with 15 foot easement width.
 - ✓ Lot to be leased or purchased, costs and SBT Railbanking impacts to be borne by SCSD
 - ✓ Send Email to Dan Murphy confirming this motion (Ron S)
- Crane Service company will be at the Bridge on Friday Morning about 9 AM to assess removing the ties. (Carl A)
- 4 Bids received for clearing and grubbing the 21 miles. Evaluation and selection is underway, with selection 1st of next week. (Ron S)
- Masonic Lodges has decided not to release a portion of their property for use as a trail head in Royal Center.
- The A&R Salvage uses a 'mini excavator' type to removed ties, loading them to a small tie buggy which moves them off a bridge.
- Mike O' Conner and Jim Thompson are working on the interface between the pathway and the Mill Creek bridge, using the left over Concrete pads, also fence posts to widen out the barriers across the east track side.
- Consider moving the barrier gates from the end of the Mill Creek bridge to 250S and 315S opening up the bridge for local foot traffic. Consideration needs to be given to the construction phase which is starting shortly.
- Waiver for Tie removal must include the DSD Material Safety Data Sheet BITUMASTIC 50 PLMSDS 0025S5NL Coal Tar - FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY aka creosote. Will be included with the waiver. (John B) will print several copies to attaché. Make several copies for inclusion with the waiver (John B)
 - ✓ The waiver prepared by Tom Anspach looks good enough. Make up waiver packages to be signed by both parties. (TomA)
- Volunteer work parties are removing the tie down screws and bolts from the RR ties on the Tippecanoe River Bridge.

Planning and Fundraising Relations Committee –

[Obtain funding – private and public for current and future trail projects (application for and administration of grants, coordination with project sponsor/funders, and solicitation of private gifts, memberships)]

- A thankyou letter was signed and sent to the Pulaski Memorial Hospital for their \$1,000 donation.
- Carl A Paid 2009 \$20.00 'dues'

New Business

Cass County Highway Dept

- Cass Cnty Hwy would like a meeting to discuss the trail plans, details, schedules, maintenance etc (Ron S)

Pulaski County Highway Dept

- Review Trail activity/design with K Becker (Ron S)

Green3 'Big Meeting'

- Need to develop date for a big meeting (ala the previously held meeting at Royal Center).
- Discussion, will try for a May 4th Monday. Work out details (Ron S)

TR3 Rake Demo

- A demonstration of the Absolute TR3 rake (clearing and smoothing the trail) will be held at the 250S location on Saturday morning about 9AM (Carl A)

Trail expansion into Winamac

- The position of blocking any trail expansion along the old RR bed into Winamac (Privately owned) to the Depot has been reaffirmed by Kolish and Zahrt. Bypass options are being sought.

ARRA Grant

- Dawn K has prepared a work proposal "ARRA TRAIL PROJECT UPDATE DATE: 4.18.09" to get started on this American Recovery and Reinvestment Act implementation grant. We need to review and approve this proposal and give DawnK the go ahead (she is already spending money on this effort).(John B)

Annual Meeting

- A motion was made to Designate this meeting (April 16th) as the 2009 Annual Meeting
 - ✓ Discussion – All members were present; reference ByLaws Section 4.2. Annual Meeting;
 - ✓ The motion was seconded and passed.
- A motion was made to reappoint the Board of Directors.
 - ✓ Discussion: No new board members were nominated by the members
 - ✓ The motion was seconded and passed.
- A motion was made to re appoint the officers of the corporation.
 - ✓ Discussion: No change in officers were forthcoming from the board.
 - ✓ The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting & Events

- May 20 Star City Sewer meeting 6:30PM Star City Community Center
- April 23 5:30PM at Y Tippecanoe and Bicycles Too
- May 9th T&BT Ride
- August 1 Bicycle Tour Star City Sesquicentennial (150 Years)

Documents for Filing

- Statements (referenced above under Treasurers Report) from Alliance, First National, First Federal Savings, were received for filing.

Next FoPP Meeting – Eve 6pm meeting April 28th (last Tuesday)

PCDC/Municipal Building

- The May Thursday meeting will be on May 14th at the PCDC/Municipal Building

Adjourn-

- Meeting Adjourned about 1:30 PM

Submitted by:

Tom Anspach, Secretary

Approved/Comments: OK

Date:4/27/09

Secretary: *s/TE Anspach*