

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: 4/28/2009 Tuesday Eve

Location: Mike O'Conner's Basement

Attendees

Rex Allman (Winamac); Carl Anspach (Winamac); Tom Anspach (Winamac); John Bawcum (Winamac); Ralph Caudel (Star City), Steve Crosby (Pulaski), Kathy Karagrise (Winamac), Mike O'Conner (Winamac); Ron Simshauser (Winamac);

Called to Order-

- o Meeting called to order at about 6:30 by John Bawcum President.

Regular Business

Previous minutes-

- o 4/16/2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's/Budget report-

- o Bank Statements reviewed, summarized below.

Report Date		4/28/2009						
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		40,378.42	\$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	\$185,949.83		\$0.00		\$284.86	2.01%	4/14
Comm. Foundation	Savings	\$2,196.36					0.00%	1/21
Total		\$745,898.86	40,378.42	\$320,772.42	\$170,157.04	\$982.53		
Net	\$705,520.44							
Change from:	This report less Last Report							
4/16/09	\$284.86							

- o Pass received bank statements from post office on to Mike O a few days prior to the meeting. (Ron S)
- o Prepare statement summary for meeting (Mike O)
- o Send Mike xcel file used for minutes (Tom A)
- o File 990 or 990EZ with IRS (Mike O)
- o About \$500 interest has accrued on the Alliance Loan.
- o Need to increase limit on Loan value.
 - ✓ A motion was made to increase the limit to \$75,000. The motion was seconded and passed.
- o Increase bank loan limit to \$75,000 (Mike O)
- o Prepare DNR Reimbursement submittal for accumulated RTP expenditures inception to date (Mike O)
 - ✓ Call Jay Keith for status of Match submittal (John B)

Operations Committee –

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

- o A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the Insurance Policy bill (Mike O)

- ✓ Call Dave Bennett to see if the Insurance can be paid in installments, and if there is any benefit to do so. (John B)
- After further discussion, pursue converting 501c4 to 501c3, is delayed till some future time.
- Make up waiver packages for RRTie removal and use by the public. Attache 0025S5NL Coal Tar - FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY aka creosote. 0025S5NL Coal Tar - FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY aka creosote. (Tom A)
- After review the Cass County Ditch assessment values were reasonable and acceptable.
- Who are the committee members and chair's? (John B)
- Copy and distribute the Insurance policy. (John B)
- A review of Corporation membership- 4 members, 1 class of members, 4 Board of Directors, 4 officers. New members can be voted in. Various levels of memberships requires bylaws change. Question, what is the advantage of membership. There are no dues required by the bylaws. The \$20 referred to are 'voluntary dues'.

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)].

- The need to get the Web site in good operating condition was discussed. Will be brought up at the next Publicity Meeting.
- Have not been able to get with the Stephanie Wagner family regarding the memorial at PC 900S. Steve will try contact via Royal Center HS contacts (Steve C)
- Send out events Calendar (??)
- Prepare and send out Newsletter (??)

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.]

- Paper work has been submitted for exemption from Pulaski and Cass County Property taxes by Tod Groff. .

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 that Ron (chairman) and Tom can sign Contracts for construction.
- Motion was made, discussed, seconded, passed that Ron (chairman) and Tom can sign checks for Construction expenditures.
- Construction will be summarized at regular meetings; details will be left to the construction committee. Major changes, and/or actions will be brought up for discussion prior to implementation, by the Chairman.
✓ This should be the case for ALL committee's)
- Re: Large crane to remove TRBridge ties. Not enough width room for placement of supporting legs.
- 4 Bids received for clearing and grubbing the 21 miles. Big Dig selected. Contract will be signed shortly. Tom & Ron authorized to sign contracts with construction Contractors.
- Need to get-together with Pulaski County Highway dept to review construction plans (Ron S, Tom A)
- Pulaski County Highway has been added to our Distribution list.
- Need to keep make sure the IMI 'discount' is taken into account for bridge concrete.
- Still looking for methods/contractors to remove the RR ties from the TRBridge.
- Discussion of TR3 Rake resulted in the observation, although it has several applications, we can not use it effectively, at this time, and we should not pursue it further.
- Thanks for all the help on the bridge. The steel and most of the spikes have been removed. The steel has been securely stored (at RexA's). Many of the J Bolts have been turned.

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)]

- We have sufficient money to build the trail, we need to get money coming in for normal FoPP operating budget (Fun Com).
- Rex A Paid 2009 \$20.00 'dues'
- Check on setting up Endowment Fund through the Com Foundation (Mike O)

New Business

- 1st Source Bank has meeting room facilities if needed.

Meeting & Events

- April construction committee at the bridge for bridge constrict discussions
- May 20 Star City Sewer meeting 6:30PM Star City Community Center
- May 6th Pub Com PCDC Office
- May 9th T&BT Ride
- May 4th 10AM Cass County Highway meeting to review construction plans
- May 4th Noon PCDC (ARRA Discussion)
- May 4th 6pm Royal Center Clinic (ARRA discussion)
- August 1 Bicycle Tour Star City Sesquicentennial (150 Years)

Documents for Filing

- Statements (referenced above under Treasurers Report) from Bank and a summary account letter from Alliance Bank, were received for filing.

Next FoPP Meeting – Noon meeting May 14 PCDC/Municipal Building

- The May Last Tuesday meeting will be on May 26th at 6PM at the PCDC/Municipal Building

Adjourn-

- Meeting Adjourned about 9:00PM PM

Submitted by:

Tom Anspach, Secretary

Approved/Comments:

Date:5/14/09

Secretary: *s/ Tom Anspach*