

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: 6/30/09 Tuesday Eve

Location: Town Municipal Building (PCCDC)

Attendees

Rex Allman (Winamac), Carl Anspach (Winamac); Tom Anspach (Winamac); John Bawcum (Winamac); Kathy Kegarise (Winamac), Mike O'Conner (Winamac); Ron Simshauser (Winamac), Larry Spiewak (Monterey), Nancy Spiewak (Monterey), Ron White (Winamac), Austin White (Winamac).

Called to Order-

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

Regular Business

Previous minutes-

- o 6/11 noon meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's/Budget report-

- o 1st reimbursement submission of \$41K has been approved by DNR and Electronic Deposit should be received within the next few weeks.
- o 2nd reimbursement \$33.6K will be submitted within a few days.
- o Loan has been maxed out till reimbursements have been received.
- o Detailed FoPP financial statements were discussed, and accepted. Statements were collected for filing see below.

-+Old Business

Action Items from Last Meeting

- o The letter of understanding has been prepared. A motion was made, seconded and approved that John and Dawns letter was OK. It will be sent to Bob Bronson DNR.
- o Taxes will be paid by July 10. They will be split between the RTP Section (Winamac Star City) and the State Grant section (Star City to County Line) (Cass county tax statements have not been received).
- o Brochure Printing Kathy K and 1st Source Bank Donated brochure printing
- o Property Easement document should be turned over to attorney's.
- o 'No Motorized' vehicle ordnance draft. This is being placed on the 'back burner'.

Operations Committee (Name?) –

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

- o Pulaski County Commission has signed the LPA agreement for ARRA grant funds.

Public Relations Committee (Vicki Byrd)–

[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 The web site is in the coding process and will be available for reviewing shortly.
- o Planning and sign up for participation in the following 'festivals' is underway: County 4H fair July 7th, Cass County Fair, Star City 150th.

Land Acquisition Committee – (Name ?)

[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.]

- o A discussion of getting from the north end of the trail to the depot. The result was that we need to take 1 little step at a time and keep chipping away at it. Therefore plan setting up meeting with landowners.
- o The development of an easement lease should be left up to the Lawyers. (John will contact Dan M and Todd G)

Construction Committee – (Ron Simshauser)

[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)]

- o There is a big disparity in Request for Paving Quotes. Additional information is requested.
- o Carl has obtained the volunteer services of Art Hoffman to help monitor the Paving process.

- Pouring the concrete deck of the Tippecanoe River Bridge is planned to start on Thursday the 2nd...
- The bridge railing concept is to use the steel cable concept. Design details are being prepared.
- The Clearing Grubbing Grading contract has been modified to grade only the north end (Winamac – Star City), the south end will be done as part of the ARRA grant.
- Dale Abbot interested in the bridge Railing
- Wagner memorial was cleaned up by Carl and a helpful stranger. Ms Gonzalez was not able to make it up to the memorial yet. Moving the memorial is not required until near ARRA construction start (expected next spring).
- Rex and Tom did a Gator inspection of the trail (Kenneth – TRBridge). In general it looked good.
- ⊗ Historical section must be sprayed shortly to get ready for the paving contractors (Ron B)

Planning and Fundraising Relations Committee – (Name ?)

[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)]

- ⊗ Check with Nelson for potential Chicken dinner dates (Steve C)
- ⊗ REMC Grant request needs to be turned in by July 10th. (John B)

New Business

- ⊗ Jay Keith DNR needs a status report. (John B)
- Ron White asked whether there was some way to allow ATV's to use the pathway property, maintenance, patrolling etc. After much discussion the result was that ATV's and the recreational purpose of the pathway are incompatible and motorized vehicles are not to be allowed. Ron and his Son's visit to discuss the subject was appreciated.
- The Erie trail activity is getting ready to Blacktop the ¾ mile section in Monterey.

Meeting & Events

- Combined Pub Com and Fun Com meeting July 1st 5:30PM
- 4H parade July 7th 5 PM start gathering, riding bicycles.
- August 1 Bicycle Tour Star City Sesquicentennial (150 Years) <http://www.pwrtc.com/~starcity150/>

Documents for Filing

- Personal Financial Statement 12/31/2008
- FoPP Monthly Treasurer's Report 31 May 09
- FoPP Cash Proof year ending Dec 31 2008
- PP Winamac – Start City Phase 1 Actual Disbursements
- PP – Winamac – Star City Phase 1 (Budget - Actuals)
- RR Tie Removal Waiver J McWherter 6/1/09
- Receipt stamped letter to Surface Transportation Board re: requesting transfer of RailBanking to FoPP

Next FoPP Meeting –

- **July Noon meeting: July 16th at noon the PCCDC/Municipal Building**
- July Last Tuesday meeting: July 28th at 6:30PM at the PCCDC/Municipal Building

Adjourn-

- Meeting Adjourned about 8:30 PM

Submitted by:

Tom Anspach, Secretary

Approved/Comments: approved at 7/16 meeting as is

Date: 7/16/09

Secretary: *s/ Tom Anspach (absent from meeting, approval verified by 7/16 minutes)*