

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: 8/13/09 Thursday Noon

Location: Town Municipal Building (PCCDC)

Attendees

Rex Allman (Winamac), Carl Anspach (Winamac); Tom Anspach (Winamac); John Bawcum (Winamac); Dan Dolezal (Winamac), Michael Haschel (Winamac), Mike O'Conner (Winamac); Steve Crosby (Pulaski), Ron Simshauser (Winamac), Raye Anne Absher (Winamac)

Called to Order-

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

Regular Business

Previous minutes-

- 7/28 evening meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's/Budget report-

- Report will be made at last Tuesday meeting.
- A \$75,000 RTP reimbursement check has been received from DNR. All submitted reimbursement submittals have been received. The Property tax credit Reimbursement in the purchase of the Pulaski County Property has been denied (at least at this time). Total Reimbursement to date is \$115,000.
- ☛ Need to track down the Cass County Tax Bill due 8/20 (TomA)

-+Old Business

Action Items from Last Meeting

- A meeting was held with Joe C regarding the pathway route to the depot. The result was a stimulating, positive interchange of information regarding the subject.
- Where should the display go next (after the Hospital) ? NO discussion
- John has Green3 display. Need to get it into protective frames (NO discussion)
- ☛ Develop 'same page 'white paper'' for pathway to depot discussions (Land Acq Committee)
- Need to check with Carl Craig for signs, not available.
- Other metal fabricators will be checked for TRBridge bracket estimates, See construction report below

Operations Committee (Name?) –

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

- Maintenance – The foliage along the Hands new fence is growing rapidly. It needs to be sprayed. Discussion resulted in delaying spraying until September dormancy begins.
- Maintenance is and will become more of a predominant Panhandle activity
- Hands appear to have not done any work on the South (of 50N) fence as is in their Escrow agreement..

Public Relations Committee & Planning and Fundraising Relations (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)].[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] –

- Web site- Michael Haschel (New View Solutions) reported the web site is on line and ready for contributions and updates.
 - ✓ Will add hit counter, available to admin
 - ✓ Admin sign in procedure given to Secretary
 - ✓ Questions; make a list, accumulate or send to Mike H
 - ✓ User 'class' should be given to 'volunteer' admin's.
 - ✓ Invoice \$1030 Received

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.]

- None

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)]

- Bridge Post Brackets- Stainless Steel or Galvanized. SS about \$2000 more (25%) than Galvanized
 - ✓ A discussion of pro's and con's resulted that SS should be selected as the best solution.
 - ✓ A motion was made, seconded, and approved that SS brackets would be used
 - ✓ JSI metals selected to fab brackets
- The actual count is 33 brackets per side total 66, 2 spares will be added for a total of 68
- Paving is south of the Mill Creek Bridge. 3 more days of paving should complete the paving operation.. possibly by next week, depending on weather
- Signs, have been defined, except still deciding on the degree of Electiveness, John from PCJournal has been selected to provide the signs, using recycled Aluminum preformed panels.
- There is gravel on the pavement from the side shoulder. Assumed that E&B will clear it... will keep checking on it.

New Business

- ⊗ Grand Opening Phase 1 segment– Should we have a 'public' celebration to open this 1st phase segment?
 - ✓ After discussion it was decided we should look into it. Trail should be completed by end of September. Schedule for early October. Governor, etc. etc.
- A legal letter seeking supporters of a Common Law suit for unjust compensation damages from the STB Railbanking act, to original Railroad property owners, was provided by D Bennett. .
 - ✓ The letter will be passed on the T Groff and D Murphy for comment.
 - ✓ Attorney meetings are being held at Vicki's on 8/19, 6:00 – 8:00PM
- Green3 wants a progress report meeting discussion within the next 2 weeks.
 - ✓ After discussion a meeting date/time of 8/21 Friday, noon to 2PM at PCCDC was arrived at.
- ⊗ A letter will be sent to Green3 with these dates 8/21 Friday, noon to 2PM.(John B)

Meeting & Events

- A meeting, tentatively set for 8/21, with Green3 to discuss the ARRA project.
- Star City Sewer meeting 8/19, 6:30PM SC Comm. Center
- Crane Cruise Bicycle Ride Saturday (3rd Saturday) October 19th. <http://www.crane-cruise.com/index.html>

Documents for Filing

- 7/28/09 meeting sign in Attendance List
- Website development- invoice, description of web site, Admin sign in procedure received from NVS.

Next FoPP Meeting –

- September Thursday Noon meeting: September 17th at the PCCDC/Municipal Building
- **August Last Tuesday meeting: August 25th at 6:30PM at the PCCDC/Municipal Building**

Adjourn-

- Meeting Adjourned about 1:30PM

Submitted by:

Tom Anspach, Secretary
 Approved/Comments: OK as is
 Date:8/25/09
 Secretary: *s/Tom Anspach*