

## 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 10/15/2009 Noon

Location: Town Municipal Building (PCCDC)

Attendees:

John Bawcum, Don Kegarise, Carl Anspach, Ron Simshauser, Steve Crosby, Patrick Shellhart, Mike O'Connor, Larry Kreighbaum, Dale Richardson, Blanche Richardson and Kathy Kegarise

#### Called to Order –

Meeting was called to order around noon

#### Regular Business

Previous minutes were approved – Ron made motion to accept and John B 2<sup>nd</sup> motion M. O'Connor said he would have a full treasurer's report at the October evening meeting and suggested that only one report be given per month. He said a letter from the IRS waiving late penalty fees was received. He suggested the board ask Dawn K. about handling any reimbursable cash flow issues which may arise with the ARRA.

#### Old Business:

##### Maintenance

Steve Crosby commented that it was too late in the season to spray so spraying was put on hold

##### Construction

Ron Simshauser commented that Haley was almost finished with the road signs and they would be put up

There were 8 bollards left to put up

Trash had been cleaned at least 3 times

Mike O'Connor wondered if there was a maintenance/operations committee – and who was on it

##### Operations

It was suggested that one of the first Safety Notes by Rex Allman include explanation of the new road signs and safety of using the Stop signs

Dale Richardson commented that he warned several people for not stopping at the stop signs.

It was the general consensus of the group that it might make trail users more comfortable to see security at times but only as observers and to be clear to the Sheriff's Department that this security is volunteer action.

##### Land Acquisition

Mike O'Connor – no news on land but is working with Dan Murphy, Dave Bennett and Jim Connor (town) to determine if we own strip of land and work with Lisa Sommers (Pulaski County Abstract) to determine exactly what we own

John Bawcum agreed to contact Bob and Cathy Shepherd regarding use of their land

##### Fundraising:

Steve Crosby reported that the fundraising committee had plans for a campaign in the near future and showed the group the pyramid of how many sponsorships would be needed to raise the \$500,000 to be put in trust at PCCF for perpetual care of the trail.

For each sponsorship group - Donations under \$100., \$100 to 250 (spike), \$250-500 (birdhouse), \$500-999 (bench), \$1000 -2499 (tree), \$2500-4999, \$5000-9,999, \$10,000-24,999 and 25,000+.

**New Business:**

Ron S. and Steve C. visited the Thornhope elevator to find out exactly what their questions regarding the trail were. They wondered if the trail could jog to the east at their intersection as they were afraid that the semi trailers would not be able to make the turn into their elevator. Ron said that he did not think there would be any problem accommodating this.

Ron S brought 3 sets of plans from Dawn K (Green 3) one set to Pulaski County Commissioners, one to Cass County Commissioners (Steve Crosby agreed to drop off) and a set for FoPP.

Letter from PCFF accepting donation from J. Metzger – file

Acceptance by John Bawcum of donation of \$1000. 00 from Larry Kreighbaum 302 E Delaware, Knox, In 46534 574 772-2358.

Discussion of policy regarding informational signs on the trail – L. Eber said that Farm Bureau was interested in placing signs on the trail – Further information regarding the content of these signs needs to be discussed prior to any decisions.

Larry Kreighbaum offered to work with Fundraising and wanted brochures to pass out

Ephraim Farms asked for brochures – John will take over

Sherri O'Connor's Home Ec Club wishes to upgrade from the \$100+ to the \$250. sponsorship with a birdhouse.

Pat Shellhart suggested the idea of working with the Star City Lions Club on a Breakfast at some time.

Kathy Kegarise, acting Secretary.

**Submitted by:**

Tom Anspach, Secretary

Approved/ W Comments: Publicity discussion resulted in the general thinking to prepare a 'note' for media distribution thanking everyone for their help and support through-out the year.

Date:10/27/09

Secretary: *s/ Tom Anspach*