



Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019 - CWC Land Services Bldg.

Attendees: Zac Swartout, Andy Rangen, Bryan Pike, Jenny Smith, Wade Miller, Curt Westerman, Gary Tibbets (Mayor of Aitkin), Rep. Dale Lueck, Louis Crombie (Rep. for US Rep. Pete Stauber), Lindsey Weaver, Don Gorham. Guest: Jeff Lenz (MN-DOT)

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Zac S. called the meeting to order and everyone at the table introduced themselves and who they may be representing.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** Both the agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Secretary Report:** Information from Ryan Simonson- CWC Land Services Supervisor was sent via email to Bryan concerning any potential paved trail is **not** to enter into areas of the CWC Landfill property. Map is attached to these minutes showing the area outlined in red.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Google drive folder created by Andy for purposes of bank statements, etc. Steve Barrows name has not yet been removed from banking accounts; Zac S. to be added.
5. **New Officers/Board Members:** Current Officers include: Zac Swartout-President, Vice-President-vacant, Bryan Pike-Secretary, Andy Rangen-Treasurer. Board Members include: Don Gorham, Dan Hegstad, Eric Roberts. Liaison: Jenny Smith.
6. **Reports:** Jeff Lenz-Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) representative gave information on the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). This is a federal grant opportunity managed by the MNDOT. A preliminary "Letter of Intent" is due October 31, 2019 that describes the project and identifies the government sponsor. Andy R. is planning to attend an informational meeting at the Baxter MNDOT office on Oct. 10. \$1.6 million available for potential projects in the local MNDOT district (12 counties). If determined project is eligible, a full application will need to be developed and submitted for potential funding in 2024. Program is for construction only expenses, \$1.0 million maximum grant request with 20% match requirement.
7. **Other items addressed:** Rep. Lueck suggested it's always best to contact the landowner (ie. the county) first on opportunities of the potential trail crossing over county-managed land. Other parties like Lessard –Sams can be contacted later once initial contact with Crow Wing County is made first. Discussions pursued with Wade M. and Curt W. (state representatives) on ways that this can be accomplished. Zac S. suggested he may set-up a meeting with the county in the near future. Curt W. contacted the DNR-Central Office Staff and reported that a detailed preliminary review of the trail corridor from Riverton to east Brainerd may run \$500,000 in cost.

Wednesday, Oct. 23 is a meeting in Aitkin for the Aitkin-Deerwood leg of CLST project with representatives planning to attend. Jenny S. is continuing to reach out to Erica Rivers-DNR Parks and Trails Director. Jenny reported E. Rivers supports the efforts on the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail. Wade M. reported that a co-operative agreement between the county and the state will be necessary for the Sand Creek bridge prior to any preliminary design or location study. A resolution of support from the CLST Association on the Riverton to Brainerd trail segment will provide clear support from the Association. This resolution can be used in the future as needed.

Next Meeting Date: 5-6 pm, Tues, November 5, 2019 at CWC-Land Services Building-Oak Rm

Map below shows the Crow Wing County Landfill Area (red boundary)
Any potential paved trail must avoid area within red boundary.

