



Meeting Minutes - November 5, 2019 - CWC Land Services Bldg.

Attendees: Zac Swartout, Andy Rangen, Bryan Pike, Jenny Smith, Curt Westerman, Gary Tibbets (Mayor of Aitkin), Rep. Dale Lueck, Lindsey Weaver, Don Gorham, Dan Hegstad.

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Zac S. called the meeting to order at 5:01.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** Both the agenda and minutes from September were approved unanimously.
3. **Secretary Report:** No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Minutes from the August 2019 meeting need to be given to the bank for purposes of modifying names on the banking accounts; Zac S. to be added. Bryan will supply minutes for this purpose.
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:** Gary T. and Jenny S. reported on the public meeting held in Aitkin on October 23 that discussed with stakeholders and the public the potential Deerwood-Aitkin leg of the CLST. Good conversations developed at the meeting. Three potential routes were mentioned. Zac reported on the completed preliminary "Letter of Intent" (LOI) pre-application recently submitted to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP). This is a federal grant opportunity managed by the MNDOT. The LOI describes the project and identifies the government sponsor. City of Brainerd officials were reluctant to be identified as the government sponsor at this time, since support from the city council was too late to be pursued and the fact that the City of Brainerd is also making an application under this program.
The "Road Map" from Lum Park to the Airport was discussed with some discussion on the Hwy 210 Right-of-Way areas and undeveloped private lands.
Zac will be meeting with Ryan Simonson (CWC Land Services Supervisor) on Nov. 12 to discuss the county's perspective on the Ms. River Northwoods property and the Lessard-Sams group. The status of the Sand Creek bridge allocated funds for feasibility and design work were discussed. Who will be managing this and getting the work done? Should our group be in touch with the ATV and snowmobile groups? More info will follow following the meeting with Ryan S.

Next Meeting Date: 5-6 pm, Tues, December 10, 2019 at CWC-Land Services Building-Oak Rm.