



Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Chuck Carlson, Lindsey Weaver, Bryan Pike, Randy Harrison, Erik Roberts, Chuck Picard, Jenny Smith, Holly Larson, Kent Skaar, Paul Sandy, Todd Holman

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order:** Chuck C called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.k
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** The agenda and last month's minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Bryan reported a generous donation of \$1,000 from David and Sue Martin of St. Paul brought the checking account balance to \$1,297.25. Savings account is \$6.00.
4. **Reports/Discussion:** Chuck P (President of the Mtn Bike Crew) presented info concerning a local ATV club's desire to pursue a permitted ATV trail within the Cuyuna State Recreation Area (CSRA). Proposed trail would enter the western side of the CSRA and eventually travel near and parallel to the Cuyuna Lakes State Trail. Many questions arose concerning this proposal and the concerns motorized recreation (beyond the current snowmobile use) would have in the Rec Area. **November 18:** Through Basecamp communication it was with majority of board members approval to support efforts in keeping the CSRA with a limited motorized recreation presence (allowing only snowmobile use) and to show official support towards that goal.
Brainerd CLST Segment: Paul Sandy gave an update on Brainerd's efforts on trail planning efforts in east Brainerd. \$1.1 million is available from previous bonding dollars and draft legislation of \$2.2 million is in the works for the 2022 bonding cycle for trail construction from the BNSF railroad area to the east Brainerd McDonalds. Trail route will follow a short segment of State Hwy 25 when MDOT plans to reconstruct the railroad overpass and build a bike trail as part of the bridge reconstruction.
Planning and Design Committee: The Safe Routes to School (**SRTS**) grant will be pursued next year once collaboration from C-I School District, City of Crosby and Crow Wing County is pursued and solid plans comes forward to achieve a save pedestrian and bike crossing for CR 31 and the trail 'gap" that currently exists. The State Parks and Trails will support us in this effort to achieve success. Holly L agreed to help and assist us in this collaboration effort. **Landowner Update:** MN Parks and Trails Council will be making an offer to the private landowners on the parcels of land surveyed out for trail development. Once purchase agreements are agreed to, the Riverton City Council needs to support the property division.
Community Communication Committee: Randy reported near exponential growth on web-site views/visits. The search mechanism requires some work since it's not working as designed.
Funding Committee: TAP funding will be pursued next cycle and target the area from Lum Park to the airport achieving a transportation need/intent. 2022 Bonding: City of Brainerd is pursuing a \$2.2 million request for trail construction in Brainerd city limits. LCCMR and IRRRB grants are worthwhile opportunities and plans to pursue such grants should be worked on. Any volunteers??
Future Meetings: A Doodle poll showed the best time for most is the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meeting times will not change.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

5. Next Meeting Date (2nd Tuesday of each month): 5-6:20 pm, Tues, December 14, 2021.