



Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2019 - CWC Land Services Bldg.

Attendees: Zac Swartout, Andy Rangen, Lindsey Weaver, Bryan Pike, Jenny Smith, Wade Miller, Ryan Simonson, Gary Tibbets (Mayor of Aitkin), , Don Gorham, Chuck Carlson

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 (M-Don; 2nd-Gary) and minutes from last meeting (M-Andy, 2nd-Don) were approved unanimously.
3. **Secretary Report:** No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** No report.
5. **New Officers/Board Members:** Lindsey Weaver accepted the VP role. Current Officers include: Zac Swartout-President, Vice-President-Lindsey Weaver, Bryan Pike-Secretary, Andy Rangen-Treasurer. Board Members include: Don Gorham, Dan Hegstad, Eric Roberts. Liaison: Jenny Smith.
6. **Reports:** *"Road Map" discussions:* Zac will touch base with Tim Bray, CWC Highway Engineer/Dept Head on items concerning the trail on the county managed land and get his perspective on processes. A cooperative agreement from the State (since it's a state trail) and the county will be necessary, similar to state agreements with Baxter and other state trails. Locate proposed trail near river views to reduce forest road crossings and other potential conflicts. Archeological findings may have location implications. *Sand Creek Bridge:* County will take lead on feasibility and design work likely contracted with an engineering firm. *Corridor Width:* Future designs to determine clear zones, etc. 10 ft. for paved surface, 2 ft. gravel shoulder, 3 ft. clear maintenance zone (20 feet total). Terrain and slope will likely require additional corridor work. Potential exists to displace existing forest trail uses on the county land depending on proposed trail location. *Future Funding-Riverton to Brainerd:* Seek design/layout funds of proposed trail to inform decisions on construction costs and location. Future TAP or state bonding funds are possibilities. Legislators need to author a bill for bonding with language for acquisition (where needed) and overall design. Chris I. was a name that was mentioned concerning this work. The Federal Recreation Trails (FRT) grant (up to \$150,000 grant request) is only available for equipment or maintenance equipment needs (not design work). Letters of Support will be very important going forward from many groups to show support to legislators to begin the conversations on securing any funds for design and proposed construction-examples include all cities and townships in region, airport, local recreation clubs, IRRRB, MN Power, Anderson Brothers, etc. CLST is referenced in statute MS.85.015
7. **Next Meeting Date:** 5-6 pm, Tues, January 14, 2020 at CWC-Land Services Building-Oak Rm.