



Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2021 – Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Chuck Carlson, Bryan Pike, Erik Roberts, Steve Fisher, Matt Steele, Wade Miller, Holly Larson,

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order:** Chuck C called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** The agenda and last month's minutes were approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Checking: Increased to \$1,547.25 due to \$250 donation. Savings: \$6.00.
4. **Reports/Discussion:**
 - Planning and Design Committee:** Matt S. mentioned info concerning the Co. Rd. 31 Round-a-bout can be found on BaseCamp (not too much new info to present). Matt s. discussed the Deerwood to Aitkin segment and MN-DOT's early planning that has begun related to a potential Round-a-bout at the east intersection of Hwy 210 and Hwy 6 in east Deerwood. Matt will be officially asking MN-DOT to have the CLTA represented in ongoing planning efforts for the 2027 planned construction project at that intersection. Safe bike and pedestrian travel does not look to be part of the early planning efforts. CLTA input is essential to achieve favorable outcomes related to a future bike and pedestrian crossing. Also discussed was possible winter snow removal on existing trail segments in the Crosby/Deerwood area. Wade M. explained snowmobile use is allowed under snow conditions on the state trail. The trail may not be groomed for snowmobiles like the Paul Bunyan Trail, but the CLST can have snowmobile traffic per department policy. Possible snow removal for ease of pedestrian or bike travel may be a consideration on segments in the future if a need is demonstrated.
 - Landowner Update:** The property owner(s) on north side of Deer Trail in east Crosby have been contacted via phone with future calls still needed. Matt S. has been the contact person from the CLTA. No new info related to the Riverton landowners.
 - Community Communication Committee:** Fat bike ride was held Dec. 4 in CSRA and traveled the forest trails on the County managed land west of the Sagamore Unit and included the Mississippi River Northwoods property. A group of 25-30 bikers rode with Chuck C. as the tour guide (Bryan P as the "caboose") and biked to the future Sand Creek bridge crossing site and back to the CSRA rally center.
 - Funding Committee:** Bryan P. reviewed potential grant opportunities. Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) and Federal Recreation Trail Program were reviewed. Design and engineering costs on these grants are not allowed or very limited (10% allowed on IRRRB). Will need to pursue other grant opportunities for the \$500,000 anticipated for the full design and engineering costs. What are our options? With Brainerd pursuing a \$2 million 2022 bonding request for CLST in east Brainerd, can we ask for being included in funding some of the design and engineering for Brainerd to Riverton? Bryan P will contact Paul Sandy from Brainerd and ask if that can be an option. More to follow.
 - Other:** Holly suggested a goal setting session be planned for an upcoming meeting. The idea was discussed, and it was agreed to have the January meeting pertain to this topic by starting 2022 on the right foot.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

5. Next Meeting Date (2nd Tuesday of each month): 5-6:20 pm, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.