



Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2020 - CWC Land Services Bldg.

Attendees: Zac Swartout, Lindsey Weaver, Bryan Pike, Jenny Smith, Don Gorham, Eric Roberts, Gary Tibbets.

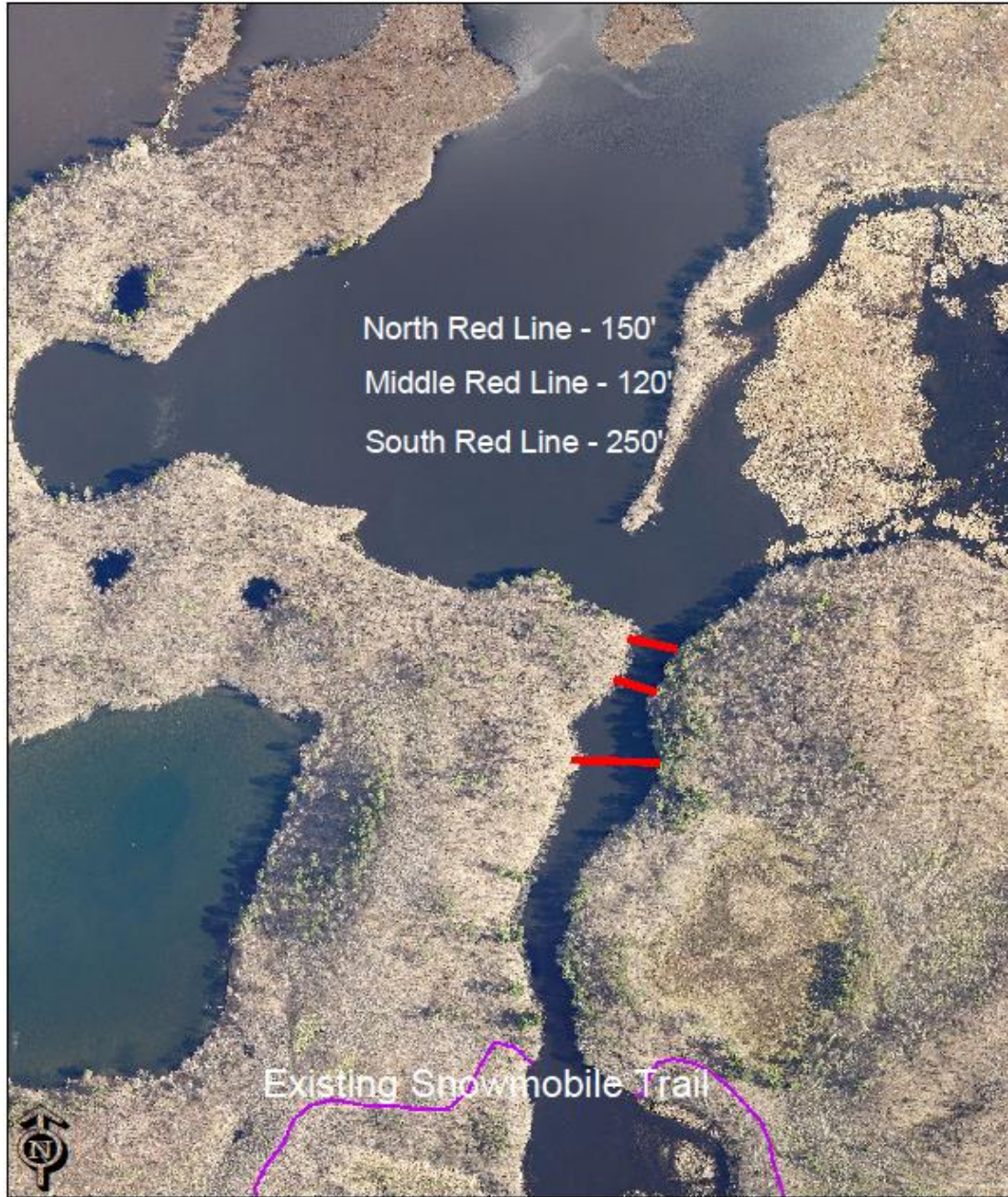
Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order and Introductions:** Zac S. called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** Both the agenda and minutes from last meeting were approved unanimously.
3. **Secretary Report:** No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** No report.
5. **Reports/Discussion:** *Letters of Support:* CLTA will be seeking letters of support for the trail prior to potential funding opportunities. Several organizations, cities, counties, outdoor recreation clubs, medical centers and other entities were suggested for possible trail supporters. *General Trail Map Update:* General trail maps were developed by Wade Miller/DNR showing existing recreational trails, forest roads, Mississippi River Northwoods boundary, landfill and airport exclusion zones, streams, wetlands and other significant features within a wide potential trail location area. Wade Miller was not present at the meeting, but the maps were shared earlier in an email sent to the group. *TAP Application and Federal Recreation Trails Grant:* No further discussion at meeting. *Winter Trail Use:* Snowmobile use on the proposed trail would likely be limited to bridge crossings and the airport Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) near the north end of the main runway. With the exception of a few short segments listed above, the CLTA supports the idea of the trail being non-motorized. Bryan P. shared an aerial image of the Sand Creek area showing various spans of open water (see page 2). Bryan also shared a recent link to a news article related to a historic bridge recently removed that spanned the LeSueur River in southern MN. The bridge with a span of 189 feet was carefully removed and disassembled in sections with the intent to donate the bridge to a Minnesota location for use as a bike or pedestrian bridge. Here is the link:

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/02/06/cranes-lift-historic-minnesota-bridge-from-its-crumbing-perch>

Brainerd Riverfront: Don G. discussed and shared information about the ongoing efforts on the Brainerd Riverfront Park Development project that lies just north and west of the Brainerd School Districts football field and along the Mississippi River. This proposed park to act as a hub location for the Cuyuna Lakes and Paul Bunyan State Trails and other local trails like Buffalo Hills Trail.

6. **Next Meeting Date:** 5-6 pm, Tues, March 10, 2020 at CWC-Land Services Building-Oak Room.



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Northern Limits of Sand Creek

CWC Interactive Map -B.Pike

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