



Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Zac Swarthout, Lindsey Weaver, Andy Rangen, Bryan Pike, Wade Miller, Gary Tibbetts, Chuck Carlson, Jenny Smith.

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order:** Zac S. called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** Both the agenda and June minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Secretary Report:** No report other than minutes being approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Non-Profit status re-filed and working to submit E-Postcard filing. Re-filing fee of \$275 was approved by the board following last month's meeting. \$2700 is available in CLTA account.
5. **Reports/Discussion: *Social Media/Internet Presence:*** Facebook page is up. Need to consider adding additional info (written narrative, CLTA purpose/mission) and include maps of existing trail and undeveloped trail areas. ***Assigned Work Areas: Funding***—It is recommended to hold off on serious fundraising efforts until there is a clear picture of the timeline and what is needed. \$500,000 likely needed to pursue Design and Feasibility Study. Completed study will identify construction costs and narrow the scope of trail alignment. Local fundraising needed to pursue legislative lobby efforts on potential bonding dollars. 2022-Bonding for Design and Feasibility Study; 2024-Bonding for multi-million dollar trail construction.
Community/Letters of Support--Draft letter and contact list is found on Basecamp shared folders (Basecamp is the storage outlet for all communication and support materials). All board members are asked to add contact info to already listed parties of interest prior to next month's meeting. Presentations should be given (not just a letter) to important supporters (City Councils, Crow Wing County, BLAEDC) going forward. It is important to identify a clear mission/purpose to gain the necessary community support. Focus is on trail development from Riverton to east Brainerd (Lum Park specifically).
Legislative Support—Select individuals will be needed to speak to legislators to seek legislative support for the project. Lobbyist is essential to inform and keep this project on the forefront of legislator's minds. Bryan P will contact others with legislative knowledge concerning a potential lobbyist candidate.

Other: There is a consensus to reach out to the National Park Service (NPS) for community engagement assistance through the NPS Community Assistance Program--Bryan P to make contact with NPS. Zac S will make a large group contact in Basecamp for information sharing to those on our existing e-mail list. Chuck C and Lindsey W plan to attend the next Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

6. Next Meeting Date: 5-6 pm, Tues, August 11, 2020