



Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2020 – Zoom Meeting

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

Submitted by: Bryan Pike

1. **Call to order:** Lindsey called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from last meeting:** Both the agenda and July minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Secretary Report:** No report other than minutes being approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Non-Profit status re-filed in June. Form 990 was last filed in 2013. Plans are to file Form 990 next in 2021 for year 2020.
5. **Reports/Discussion: *Planning and Design*--** Discussion began with Chuck mentioning the help that Joshua Rebennack was willing to provide for potential trail concept and design work. Joshua has the experience and desire to assist in trail design and layout as needed. Wade Miller was asked if this would be in conflict with what the DNR would normally perform related to state trail design work. Typically, the state would seek out qualified engineering firms to develop this design work once feasibility and general plan layout was completed. Wade would share examples of past design standards related to the Crow Wing State Park segment of the Paul Bunyan Trail. ***ATV Club Meeting***—Lindsey and Chuck attended the Cuyuna Iron Range Riders ATV Club meeting on August 8 to introduce our group and collaborate with their club related to the potential Sand Creek Bridge and the support needed from all parties. Trail separation was a goal from the club and each group agreed that reciprocal support is necessary going forward. ***NPS Application***—work will begin on the application needed for the potential support from the NPS-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program. Application to be submitted late August. ***Lobbyist***—Judy Erickson was identified as being the best potential lobbyist to assist us in our efforts to gain legislative support in the months and years ahead. ***Funding***-- It is important to begin efforts of raising funds for future expenses. Domain name, email contact, social media presence are all important items to work on. Creating a story-line will help in achieving support and raising funds. Identifying specific needs, goals and challenges are suggested items to achieve success.

Other Items--Gary mentioned the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) may be a good group to contact concerning the potential to further community development in the jurisdiction of the Cuyuna Range communities the group serves. ***Board Members***—the need is great to obtain additional board members with the loss of Zac S. and other former board members. The work that will need to be accomplished in the months/years ahead will require a larger board and other individuals to advance our cause.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

6. Next Meeting Date: 5-6 pm, Tues, September 8, 2020 via Zoom Meeting