

**Meeting Minutes of the River Trail Commission**  
(Towns of Cloverland, St. Germain and the City of Eagle River)  
**January 18, 2023 4:00 PM**  
**Eagle River City Hall 525 E Maple St, Eagle River, WI**

1. Meeting called to order at 4:03 PM public present included:

**Jeff and Ann Currie** - Cloverland  
**Robin Ginner**-Eagle River Administrator

**Garry Penner** - St. Germain ATV Club President  
**Carlton Schroeder** - (GHT Sugar Camp)

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Meeting Posting was verified for all 3 participating municipalities.

4. Roll Call - **Ron Kressin** (RK), **Joe Spitz** (JJS), **Jim Swenson** (JS) - Chairman. Quorum Present.

5. No objections were made to taking the agenda in any order at the discretion of Chairman

6. Kressin moved to approve the Nov. 30,2022 meeting minutes, Spitz seconded. Board vote approved the minutes.

7. (a) The bank account balance was reported as \$4771.85

(b) Budget 2023 the preparation of budget was discussed. Swenson confirmed the availability of S. Garbowitz to prepare the actual easement documents, estimating the cost of ~\$200 each. There would be approximately 25-27 of them for Segment 5. They are for Lincoln properties and possibly two in ER (pump station land and Wood-Wind Enterprises). There will be also easement development expenses like hiring a professional assessor to do a market study to determine \$/sq. foot compensation for the owners. This is quoted at \$4700 by a consulting company who specializes in real estate easement acquisition (Steigerwaldt) estimating it would take about 45 days. MSA engineering needs to make up a plat map that would show the proposed path in detail as the part of the "60% engineering work" stage. Steigerwaldt also estimated~\$49,000 to do the complete land/easement acquisition work.

As the municipality budgets are frozen for the year it was felt that it would still be a good idea to get a budget outlined for the project plan (perhaps represented on a Gantt chart) to facilitate the planning and communication to the municipalities.

Insurance for commission to hold easements is still an issue that we need to settle. Motion made by Kressin and seconded by Spitz and approved by board.

(c)Swenson reported on the maintenance information he and Woody Alborhn had gathered for their respective trail areas. Sayner has 2 miles of trail and reported \$3000 costs for April-November. St. G. reported \$2800 for their 12 miles which includes manpower and maintenance/repair. This needs to be combined with the Boulder Jct. report from 2017 into a single report so the numbers don't represent discrepant comparisons. Also consider the "lifetime" costs. Crack filling on the 12 miles in St. G. was \$26,000 for their mileage after 2004 build in 2022 (18 years). For town roadways P&W reports typical 20 yr life with "no maintenance" If maintained the "lifetime" doubles.

A preparation meeting was discussed for those who would attend the meeting with the new Lincoln Board members scheduled for Feb. 6 at 3:30 pm meeting would take place at Prince of Peace church.

8.(b)Platteville Students study was discussed Highway 45 crossing GHT to be added to the segment 6 which needs to be added in by MSA. Multiuse crossing with different lanes for different users and including a "on demand" flashing light system for both lanes and the island. Kressin stressed how this crossing area will get even busier with the announced by Rotary addition of playground equipment into the Riverview Park.

8. (c) no discussion

(d) no discussion

(e) no discussion

Meeting minutes submitted by Joe Spitz

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9. No Letters and Communication
10. Public Comments

Gary Penner reported on the ATV trail possibilities near the Honey Bear river crossing. He said he is in discussion with the new owner of the corner property at Zeman and 70 regarding ATV trail across that area like the snowmobile trail. He has had a positive discussion Glenn Schiffman (who owns 2 properties along Hwy 70 between Zeman Rd. and the river). He has also talked with the DOT about the possible path from the Honey Bear going east into Eagle River which may entail doing it along the south side of Hwy 70 based on the narrow ROW through much of Lincoln. Jeff Currie will send Gary Penner the work done for the river crossing area by MSA showing the multi use design for the bike trail and ATV/Snowmobile in the river crossing area.

Jeff Currie discussed the meeting that they had with Jack Spear and Jim Tosh who own properties at the entry of Old Hwy 70 on it's southern loop along Hwy 70. They suggested the fiber optic "corridor" parallel to Hwy 70 on south side along the ROW where the trees were already cleared. Ann Currie noted it was worth looking at and it might eliminate the use of old 70 loop completely. She said there is one big "dip" near the end that would have to be dealt with.

11. Next meeting scheduled for February 23, 2023, 4:00PM (which was eventually postponed due to weather)

12. Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 5:08 PM