

Meeting Minutes of the River Trail Commission
(Towns of Cloverland, St. Germain and the City of Eagle River)
October 26, 2022 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

Francine Gough -Supv. Cloverland

Gary Meister - Sugar Camp - GHT

Carlton Schroeder - (GHT Sugar Camp)

Karen Margewlofsky - ER Revitalization

Casey Mangan - (Phelps GHT) - Zoom

Bill Marshall - Supv. Lincoln/FORT - Zoom

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. RK moved to approve the Sept. 28 meeting minutes JJS seconded. Board vote approved the minutes.

8b. Schroed mentioned that Platteville students gave their mid term report to GHT reporting that so far the original options looks the best with separate lanes for bike-ped and motorized traffic to get across 45 near Kwick Trip. Dec.6 will be their final presentation meeting.

There was a discussion on the one way road path required for part of the crossing as it goes E to W along the edge of River View Park. It was also mentioned that it may be necessary to install "blockades" on both sides of the crossing area so that users don't skirt the designated area.

8a. Schroeder said that Mike Robbillard is conducting a "sale analysis" to determine what might be appropriate compensation for Lincoln residents for use of their land by the trail. It would have to be offered to all regardless if they have already signed a Letter of Understanding (LOU) or not. Doing this would mean there couldn't be TAP funding for that portion of the trail. They then hope to have MSA go after the LOU's. J.Currie wants to have Garbowitz draw up a specific easement document for RTC holding the easements in this area. This would come after the liability insurance question is put to rest.

Regarding the notification of the property owners along Old 70, Swenson reported that the St.G board did not approve sending it out yet. They want some type of "option" developed for Cira's Red White and Brew Bar since the current plan puts it in their current parking area (which is in the road Right of Way actually). GHT agreed to have MSA develop something. It was suggested that they do the same thing for the passings of Hawk's Nest Canoe,/Kayak, river trip rentals as well as the Honey Bear Restaraunt.

Spitz said the Cloverland Board approved the distribution of the letter with the caveat that Spitz collect all input for developing a report for the board when it is done. RTC board agreed that it is good to get this started and St. G. can follow later. Letters and maps will be sent to the addresses listed for property taxes.

8d. J. Currie mentioned that he and Woddy Alborhn will begin the solitication of donations for the trail. Several parties have expressed interest in it. Also they expect to hear by the end of the week if the \$8000 grant. A&J. Currie will start working TAP grant applicaiton for Segment 2 which is from Old 70s Eastmost end going west along Hwy 70 to Wildnerness. May also apply for segment 3 that goes from Wilderness to the Honey Bear at the same time. They found out at the Bike Summit in Madison that even if you only get one, you have a better chance on the next round if you are applying a second time (they seem to get a priority to some extent). This round of TAP has a February due date for the application.

7a. Bank Statement is \$4771.85

7b. Swenson reached out to St. G 's underwriter as long as it is still questionable if RTC would need an error and ommission liability coverage of it's own if it owns any land easements.

8c. Bill Marshall has filled a vacancy on the Lincoln Board and is still oriented as he has only been in position for 2 weeks.

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9. There were no communications noted

10. Public Comments - Spitz presented some research regarding the differnces in Department of Revenue data on Vilas County Commercial Valuations for the municipality. Of the trail muni's Cloverland has the least by a factor of 20 to 50X less which possibly indicates that the econmic benefit of the trail will be substantially lower for Cloverland. The same was true when looking at it per capita for each town. This should (in his opinion)be taken into account in developing a maintenance agreement. It was suggested that Meeting minutes submitted by Joe Spitz

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he add the total for the county as well to the graph. It is displayed as an attachment to the minutes.

11. Next regular meeting was confirmed for Nov. 30 at 4:00 PM at Eagle River City Hall.

12. Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 5:02PM

