

Meeting Minutes of the River Trail Commission
(Towns of Cloverland, St. Germain and the City of Eagle River)
March 8, 2023 4:00 PM
Eagle River City Hall 525 E Maple St, Eagle River, WI

1. Meeting called to order at 4:05 PM public present included:

Jeff and Ann Currie - Cloverland
Robin Ginner-Eagle River Administrator
Karen Margelofsky- ERRP Exec.Dir.
Todd Bierman - Vilas Parks&Rec. Supv.

Gary Penner* - St. Germain ATV Club President
Carlton Schroeder - (GHT Sugar Camp)
Gary Meister - (GHT Sugar Camp)
* via 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. Kressin moved to approve the Jan. 18,2023 meeting minutes, Spitz seconded. Board vote approved the minutes.

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

(b) Swenson reported that he has not heard back from insurance company re: errors and omissions policy for Commission topic tabled to next meeting. J. Currey will need to have Garbowitz review said that need to approve Easement Option Document and Easement form. Samples coming from Steigerwaldt (real estate acquisition contractor for GHT) Carlton explained the easement option would be a signed, compensated, agreement that would be recorded on the property, and would go with the land even if sold. It would precede the actual easement and it's compensation. The preparation of budget in 2023 was discussed.

(c) Spitz said that the maintenance budget estimates from St. G, Sayner, and Boulder Jct. were not in the same format or necessarily comparing apples to apples. RTC needs to build into a common format so that they can be reconciled and appear credible to our respective municipalities. Also need to come up with a rational way to distribute it between the anchor towns of ER and St. G. and Cloverland or possibly Lincoln. For example the % of funding each contributes to the commission and how it is redistributed to the Towns if for example they were to maintain the length in their township. Meister said the DOT SMA will probably require that we have this agreed on this so we can define how it will done. A discussion ensued on the requirement for snowplowing for several "non rural" areas will need to be defined.

(d) Resolutions of Support for TAP grants approved by Cloverland, County Park& Rec. and Highway. Commission Resolution for support of TAP grant Ron motioned to approved Spitz seconded. Motion approved

(e) In Feb. Bill Marshall and Ken Fox met to review with GHT and come up to speed on the current plan status. We need to complete item (c) above. Subsequently, Ginner had discussed the trail with Bill Hassey who stated that only way they would join is if they were guaranteed that they wouldn't need to spend a dime on any construction or maintenance.

Meeting with DOT we will need to discuss what other possibilities there are with who can hold SMA's. For example could another entity hold it with Lincoln's agreement for them to do so. Meeting would be with Mike Ratty, Rich Hendriks, Dave Morret (bike person). Perhaps we should invite a board member from Lincoln to the DOT meeting so they could ask any questions they might have during that meeting. It could be a special meeting of the RTC. Could also discuss the parking situation some of the businesses along the trail. We will try to schedule in the next few weeks.

(f) Currie discussed the proposal from Steigerwaldt regarding the easement acquisitions in Lincoln that GHT is considering. The market value they commissioned with them is already is almost complete which cost GHT~\$4000.

Meeting minutes submitted by Joe Spitz

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(g) GHT is going to apply for a grant available from the E.R. Chamber Room Tax grants for assistance with the Hwy 45 crossing in E.R. which would improve safety immediately for pedestrians crossing from Riverview Park into the Downtown area. It was discussed if we should add this question to the DOT meeting proposed above. Will need

8. Covered within (7) topics

9. No discussion

10. No discussion

11. Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2023, 4:00PM (which was eventually postponed due to weather)

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