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**Meeting Minutes of the River Trail Commission**  
(Towns of Cloverland, St. Germain and the City of Eagle River)  
**April 19, 2023 4:00 PM**  
**Eagle River City Hall 525 E Maple St, Eagle River, WI**

1. Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM public present included:

**\*Jeff and Ann Currie** - Cloverland

**Robin Ginner**-Eagle River Administrator

Mike Gough- Cloverland Supv.

**Todd Bierman** - Vilas Parks&Rec. Supv.

Jim Meirer - Lincoln

\*Gary Penner - St. G. ATV Club - Pres.

**Carlton Schroeder** - (GHT Sugar Camp)

Karen Margleofsky - ER Redevelopment

Bob Blaus - Sugar Camp

Gary Meister - GHT

Dan Kramer

\*Holly Tomlanovitch Washington

\* Zoom

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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

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

6. Swenson moved to approve the March 23, 2023 meeting minutes, Spitz seconded. Board vote approved the minutes with one correction (Mud Creek vs. Otter Creek).

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(a) Bank account at \$4768.21

(b) General discussions reviewed the meeting with the DOT on 3/23/23. It was mentioned that the DOT will need to have an SMA signed for the segments (Cloverland) in order to award the grant money.

(c) The grants were submitted for segments 2&3 by the Curries on March 22.

(d) Ginner reported that the segment 6 Hwy 45 grant request submitted to the ER Chamber of Conference was turned down and needs to be resubmitted in the second round of this year's applications in Sept. with some additional information.

(e) Segment 5 : We need to get each municipality to formally agree for the Commission to hold the private easements in Lincoln before proceeding further with any preparation of any such easement documents.

(f) Spitz presented a spreadsheet that was prepared to better illustrate the expected maintenance costs for a trail. It was based on a text document from Boulder Junctions "Upshift" citizen volunteer group showing the history from 2013-2017. It was agreed that this representation is far easier to understand from a financial perspective. It will continue to be refined by updating from costs of 2018-2023 if Upshift has them and we will convert the St. Germain and Sayner figures into a same format to make them as apples to apples as possible.

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The meeting that occurred among Rep. Rob Swearigen, Jerry Burkett, and Bill Hassey was discussed. There is a follow up meeting being scheduled in early May.

(c) Jeff Currie mentioned that there is a group being formed called FORT (Friends Of the River Trail) and that there are now the names of 100 parties who have signed up to be in the organization.

9. No discussion

10. No discussion

11. Next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2023, 4:00PM (which was eventually postponed due to weather)

12. Motion to adjourn was made and passed at 4:00 PM