

Meeting Minutes of the River Trail Commission
(Towns of Cloverland, St. Germain and the City of Eagle River)
May 18, 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

Francine Gough- Cloverland Supv.

Todd Bierman - Vilas Parks&Rec. Supv.

Jim Meirer - Lincoln

Fritz Laeser - Lincoln

Carlton Schroeder - (GHT Sugar Camp)

Gary Meister - GHT

Michael Anderson - Vilas Co. News Review

Holly Tomlanovitch - Washington

2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

4. Roll Call - **Jim Swenson** - Chairman, **Joe Spitz** - Cloverland ,**Ron Kressin**- Eagle River. Quorum Present.

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

6. Kressin motioned to approve the April 18, 2023 meeting minutes, Spitz seconded. Board vote approved the minutes.

7. Bank account at \$4763.10

8. The TAP grants submitted for segments 2&3 were discussed. J.Currie mentioned that at Cloverland May meeting he attended he discussed that if the grants are approved in August that they would have a month to decide to accept it or not depending if they feel:

a. they are part of a strong commission and that there is a trail care plan.

b. are confident that GHT can provide the match segment two which is for \$3 million with \$618 match and segment 3 which is for \$3.6Million and needs a \$720,000 match

Ginner reported exploring route alternate of Sunset Rd and G at Jerry Burketts request. She noted that it has the same number of crossings of Hwy 70 as the original design plan, and number of crossings of Hwy 70. Sunset Rd shoulder dropoffs and swamp crossings that would require bridges (Sunset Lake/Nelson Lake) and some private easements. The cost of current bridge plan at the Honey Bear of ~\$1.5 million is offset by adding 3.66 miles at \$1 million/mile for the suggested alternate. It also would not eliminate any highway 70 crossings. It would not connect the City of Eagle River to the trail system. St. G 2004 has 4 highway currently on Hwy 70 crossings and there have been no accidents at the crossings. Discussion of "blinding sun spots" danger point on Hwy 70 and Sunset Road were discussed with input from Michael Anderson and Holly Tomlanovitch that should be avoided for any considered crossings..

9. Segment 5 : Highway 45 crossing in Eagle River was discussed. The grant request needs to be refined and reapplied for according to the Chamber for the second period grant. Need to reflect more elaborate engineering total cost estimate

10. 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. Jim will review motioning to approve the Commission holding the private easements at the next meeting.

11. All the agendas and minutes are on the Town of St. G. website under River Trail button.

12. Meister sent a document to discuss regarding a post build Trail Care Process (maintenance) plan which was discussed. This a would document the big picture of how it will "operate" for the municipalities and the Commission. The cost estimate part of it will continue to be refined by updating from costs of 2018-2023 if Up-shift has them. It currently appears to come to \$480 - \$580 per mile annually depending if you consider or ignore the donations and hire instead of depending on some volunteers. We can convert the St. Germain and figures into a same format to make them as apples to apples as possible.

Meeting minutes submitted by Joe Spitz

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13. no action
14. None
15. None
16. June 15, 2023 4:00 pm (same location)
17. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM