

# McLeod County Trails Committee



Date: 03/30/2017 @6:30 pm

McLeod County Fairgrounds Country Diner

Committee Members: (X=present)

X	Keith Froeming	X	Mary Behrens	X	Jon Christensen
X	Steve Cook	X	John Gillard	X	Tony Hausladen
X	Dean Nissen	X	Tim Olson		Kyle Strobel
	Tim Haag	X	Kevin Klucas		

Others in attendance:

John Brunkhorst, Kent Exner, Doug Krueger, Ron Shimanski, Paul Wright, Al Koglin, Cindy Ludewig, Jim Bobier, Bill Arndt, Pat Melvin

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Al Koglin opened the meeting at 6:30pm

## **Introductions:**

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

It was decided that the minutes from this meeting be posted as a draft on the McLeod County Parks website, and approved at the next meeting.

Doug K asked is the committee thought that having a primary and an alternate for positions on this board would be a better option.

- Al had asked this question to the commissioners as to how to run the meeting, and they asked that we leave it as is.

## **Materials:**

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A copy of the McLeod County Trail Plan was handed out to everyone in attendance. (This plan was developed by the McLeod County Trails Committee, and approved by the McLeod County Board)

A copy of the Dakota Regional Trail Plan was also handed out. (this plan was put together to prepare for the application of the legacy funding)

- Jim B asked for clarification on how the plans were initiated:
  - Dakota plan was created in house, by a group of City Engineers, County Engineers, Park Superintendent, and County Commissioners, due to the cost of external would have been \$8K
- The Dakota plan was sent in, in Jan for the full amount of \$3.6 Million
- 680K was approved for the 2-mile stretch that connected the Carver County Line to Lester Prairie
- Doug K stated that he thought that the Dakota trail could bring lots of economic value to McLeod County, if the work was done by companies within our county.

## **Grant I:**

DNR 1 year lease for \$1/yr (Insurance)

According to law, we need to follow ADA requirements, how they want the trail done.

Doug K asked, how to make sure our County investment is safe for the next 20 years?

- Trail attorney and County Attorney will need to write an agreement

Can handle the additional problems, these will need to be identified.

We have our foot in the door, next process is governor approval, DNR approval, then we start work. (this is a slow process so may not see anything until 2018)

When the legacy \$\$ is approved, the contract will have the details, these will need to be approved by the board.

## **Open discussion:**

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- Doug K toured trails to the south of McLeod County and looked at their trails
  - Would like to promote local labor of local companies, to increase the economic value to the county.
  - John B stated that we would need to follow the MN contracting law, Advertised for bid 3 weeks and 10 days
  - Steve C commented that Reiner Contracting, a local contractor, got the base work bid and did a lot of work on the Luce Lune Trail.
- Discussion on Sheldon Neis's position with the McLeod County Trail Authority, Al stated that Sheldon was on the board for the Dakota Trail
  - Who else is on the Dakota trail board?
    - Chris Schultz, Al Koglin, Sheldon Neis, ???
- Discussion on what happens to the farmers/people who are now paying rent to use the trail, will this continue? (Kent)
  - Details of this will need to be laid out.
- MCIT calls for the cost of the Project Insurance
- Discussion on how many actual miles we are looking at taking care of?
  - 16 miles to the Carver county line
- Suggestion to use the GIS group to identify the farmers/people along the Dakota Trails, so they can identify culverts, underpasses, and any rail debris
  - Al K & John B will get together and compose the letter or mailer that will be sent to these farmers/people, asking them to help identify "ID" their areas, where the culverts, tiles or debris.
  - We need supporting structure to receive the grant funding, gathering the cost ahead of time, would be a great asset to this structure
  - Ron S commented that Bergen Township would like the Railroad ties removed.
- Doug K believes the committee needs to be strong enough to fuel the maintenance of the trail.
  - Suggested some type of fees for bicycles? Maybe a state wide program?
    - This will be moved to next month's agenda
  - Also asked, will there be a policy to use the trail once completed?
    - This will need to be discussed.
- Attendees asked that the next meeting, it was suggested to use doodle and poll the attendees for the best date and time, so we will use this to setup the next meeting.

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- Tony H suggested that the committee first discuss the McLeod County Trail plan vs the grant plan; then review the two plans.

## **Next Meeting:**

- Send agenda 2 weeks before scheduled meeting (AI)
- A Doodle will be sent to get the best time and date for the attendees (Cindy)
- Meeting minutes will be posted on the Parks website.

## **Agenda for next Meeting:**

- Maintenance funding ideas for the trail
  - Small percentage of the population use this trail
  - Doug K, interest in: Bicycle fees, stated wide?

## **Meeting Adjourned:**

- AI Koglin adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm