

McLeod County Trails Committee



Date: 07/25/2018 @6:30 pm

McLeod County Fairgrounds Extension Office – Meeting Room

Committee Members: (X=present)

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

Others in attendance:

John Brunkhorst, Kent Exner, Al Koglin, Cindy Ludewig, Stewart Crosby, Doug Krueger, Rich Pohlmeier, Ron Shimanski, Jim Bobier

1: Call Meeting to Order

John Gillard opened the meeting at 6:33 pm

2: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon making no revisions; Steve C motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mary B, all were in favor to approve and publish.

3: Open Questions

- 1) Jim Bobier commented that the horse people came to a past meeting and presented a petition to allow them to use the Dakota Trail. Jim would like the group to help all riders, and not just focus on everything except the horse people.

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- a. Al K commented that the petition was passed onto the County Administrator who passed the information onto the Commissioners.
- b. John B commented that the trails committee has been open to listening to horse group needs as well as snowmobile group and felt that we were not ignoring them .

4: Discussions:

- a) Update progress on grant I (trail thru Lester Prairie)
 - a. John B informed the group that Structural Specialities got the bid and the project is scheduled to start 09/03/2018 and once started should be completed 50 days after the start.
 - b. Pre-Construction meeting will be held prior to the start
 - c. This section of the trail will be closed during construction
- b) Review Preliminary Engineering report (Dakota Trail) by SRF by Stewart Crosby
 - a. Stewart presented to the group the recommendations for the trail. His presentation will be sent to Al and he can distribute to the group.
 - b. The group asked various questions which Stewart responded to or will get to us on.
 - c. Refer to presentation for more details.

Open Discussion:

- a. Luce Line Trail Maintenance
 - a. Discussion on the Lack of funding from the DNR to maintain the trail, and hold up to their obligation to do maintenance per the grant acceptance.
 - i. Some members in discussion felt that the trail was worse now, then before it was mowed, at least for horse riding.
 - ii. Doug K commented that the maintenance that the County did step up to do, came back and back fired on us.

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- iii. John G commented that this issue was above Kristy, she is doing all she can with what they give her, it's just not enough.
- iv. Doug K stated that he met with Kristy from the DNR last week and she let him know she was lacking resources and that the best way to fix this, would be to go to St Paul and advise them of the needs for the trail.
- b. John G suggested The McLeod County Trails committee to draft a nice letter to the DNR in St Paul to try and lobby for additional funding in the County for this maintenance, for our users of the trail, all members were in favor of doing this letter.
 - i. John G & Al will draft, the trails committee will approve
 - ii. Once approved by this committee, Doug Krueger requested this letter be brought to the county board for their support & approval as well.

5: Set Next Meeting date:

Next meeting will be setup using doodle. (2nd & 3rd week of Sept)

6: Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Keith F, seconded by Dean N, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm