

Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board and Work Group Meeting
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:00 am - Noon
Tower DNR Building
Tower, MN

Joint Powers Board Present:

Tom Lantry, Owens Twp.

Tim Johnson, City of Cook (11:15)

Cathi Hiveley, Beatty Twp.

Steve Peterson, Vermilion Lake Twp.

Terri Joki-Martin, City of Tower

Larry Tahija, Greenwood Twp.

Absent: Bois Forte, & Kugler.

Work group present:

Carol Booth; Joan Broten, Steve Lotz.

Others present: Erin Kennedy of Ludlow's Resort

Chair Tom Lantry called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Approval of minutes - Motion by Tom Lantry, Owens second by Cathi Hiveley, Beatty, to approve the January 8 meeting minutes as presented, no discussion, all ayes, motion carried.

A round of introductions was made.

Treasurer's report – Treasurer Steve Peterson, Vermilion Lake, reported the current balance as \$3,965.61. Dues for 2018 had been received from Beatty, Cook, Greenwood, Owens, Tower, and Vermilion Lake. Dues have not been received from Bois Forte or Kugler. Upon review Peterson determined that as he did not have an invoice for 2019 dues for Kugler it was likely that they had not been billed for 2018 dues. It was uncertain if the 2018 invoice had found the correct office at Bois Forte and Peterson will follow up on this with Sidra Starkovich, Bois Forte. He reported that he had assembled invoices for the 2019 dues. Motion by Tom Lantry, Owens, second by Terri Joki-Martin, Tower to send out those invoices, no discussion, all ayes, motion carried. Peterson will get account numbers to Char Conger to set up on-line donations.

TRAIL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

TOWER TO Y-STORE:

- Joan Broten will work with Margi Coyle and Kate Fairman of the MN DNR to arrange their attendance at our March meeting at Greenwood. There was not enough notice for them to make this meeting.
- The status and location of the original signature pages for the Joint Powers Agreement remain unknown. Tom Lantry, Owens will continue in his efforts to track down and sort out paperwork including the signatures pages. This led to a discussion of the unsuccessful Greater Minnesota

Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) grant application and the need for several Joint Powers Board (JPB) and/or work group members to be much more involved in future applications. This should begin with a review of the shortcomings of previous applications, which led to a discussion of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) grant writing grant. Carol Booth has been working to update the status of this \$3,000 50-50 grant. She reported that Holly Larson, National Park Service, had some 100 hours in the GMRPTC application but that the IRRRB grant did not have a provision for in-kind matches. The engineering fee of \$595 paid for a construction cost estimate would likely qualify as a match. She felt that the best way to resolve this would be to close out the grant and that a cash match would likely be required once it was settled. Motion by Steve Peterson, Vermilion Lake, second by Tom Lantry, Owens, to close out the IRRRB grant for the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) grant writing, no further discussion, all ayes, motion carried. Carol also reported that, during discussions with Whitney Ridlon of the IRRRB, Whitney had offered to look into reasons that our Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grant application was unsuccessful.

WEST-END:

- Carol Booth reported that a preferred route seemed to be coming together. Members of the Ashawa Ski Club have offered to help with flagging a west route.

FUNDRAISING committee:

- Raffle updates - Char Conger reported that as fiscal agent ReGen will apply for necessary permits.
- Date of the drawing has been set as September 9, 2019. Northwoods Friends of the Arts of Cook is willing to host the drawing.
- A list of prizes continues to be worked on and is to be finalized for the March meeting.
- Donation packet review – Josh Gilson had submitted a donation request packet. Motion by Tom Lantry, Owens, second by Steve Peterson, Vermilion Lake, to approve the donation request packet and ask Josh to begin sending out the requests at his earliest convenience, no further discussion, all ayes, motion carried.

Unfinished business:

- Insurance – Tim Johnson, Cook, reviewed his earlier investigations for insurance, which led him to Katie Winge of the League of Minnesota Cities. The insurance would be through the League but requires an agency sponsor. Tim spoke with three agencies, two of which recommended the third, Boyd Carlblom of Range Reliable Insurance in Virginia, MN. The coverage offered – liability (2 million/occurrence & 3 million limit) including vehicle liability, crime coverage, and bond, for an annual premium of about \$1,068. He felt that this was better coverage at a lower price than any thing previously considered and noted that higher limits in million dollar increments would be available as the need arose. Motion by Tom Lantry, Owens, second by Steve Peterson, Vermilion Lake, authorizing Tim to obtain coverage. Points discussed included; this provided protection for Board and work group members and member entities, some exposures such as vehicle liability presently existed, coverage would add credibility to the Trail

effort, and coverage would help address some landowner concerns. No further discussion, all ayes, motion carried.

- Bylaws – Tom Lantry, Owens, and Cathi Hiveley, Beatty will review the draft bylaws for the March meeting.

New Business:

- Tom reported that Tiffany of the Lake Vermilion Resort Association (LVRA) had determined that the LVRA made a \$1,750 payment to ARDC. This issue should be resolved.
- Joan Broten is contacting Kugler Township about representation.
- Carol Booth has reworked the Trail talking points and provided version 2019-02-05.
- Joan Broten noted that the GMRPTC grant application only addressed three of the four pillars, which reduced possible points.

The JPB meeting schedule as set at the November meeting:

MONTH	DAY	LOCATION
January	8	Cook Forestry
February	5	Tower DNR
March	5	Greenwood Township
April	2	Cook Forestry
May	7	Tower DNR
June	4	Greenwood Township
July	2	Cook Forestry
August	6	Tower DNR
September	3	Greenwood Township
October	1	Cook Forestry
November	5	Tower DNR
December	3	Greenwood Township

All regular JPB meetings will begin at 10 am and the fundraising committee will meet prior to the regular meetings beginning at 9 am.

OTHER:

- Motion by Tom Lantry, second by Cathi Hiveley, Beatty, to adjourn, all ayes, motion carried at 11:59.