

Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board and Work Group Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 10:00 am - Noon
Greenwood Town Hall
Tower, MN

Joint Powers Board (JPB) members present:

Tim Johnson, City of Cook

Cathi Hiveley, Beatty Twp.

Larry Tahija, Greenwood Twp.

Steve Lotz, Vermilion Lake Twp. alternate

Terri Joki-Martin, City of Tower

Absent: Bois Forte, Kugler, and Owens

Work group present:

Carol Booth, Josh Gilson, and Caroline Owens.

Vice chair Tim Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Approval of minutes – Minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting were not available.

Reports of Officers & Committees:

Treasurer's report – Steve Lotz reported a balance as of May 31 of \$7,238.11. Tower's payments of January 9 and February 27 have been clarified as payments of 2018 and 2019 dues respectively. Corrected invoices for Greenwood and Kugler 2019 dues have been sent and Kugler's payment has been received and will be reflected on the June Treasurer's report. An IRRRB reimbursement has been received as a pass through from Tower, which was fiscal agent at the time of application. Motion by Cathi Hiveley, Beatty, second by Larry Tahija, Greenwood, to accept the Treasurer's report, no discussion, all ayes, motion carried.

East segment update – Steve Lotz reported that he worked on several route adjustments in the beaver pond area, which avoided some wetlands and power line alignments and also made some adjustments in the middle portion to reduce slopes.

West segment update – Carol Booth reported that discussion continues with one property owner regarding possible routes. Tim Johnson has made contact with another parcel owner and has forwarded trail information to him.

Fund raising – Donation packet - Josh Gilson has been working on the donation packet and a preliminary distribution list and will be meeting with Char Conger to finalize that list and work on distribution.

Fund raising – raffle – Carol Booth reported that books of 15 tickets each, along with posters were being distributed with leads Josh Gilson – resorts, Caroline Owens – Ely, Joan Broten – Tower, and Terri

Joki-Martin – Embarrass. ReGen Northland is the fiscal agent and monies are to be directed to Char Conger or Carol Booth. If the 5,000 tickets are all sold \$25,000 would be generated, less some expenses.

Legacy grant application – Carol Booth reported that Nancy Larson is working on a draft application, which she hopes to have available in the next few weeks. Nancy had discussions with Jim Plummer of the IRRRB and legislator support is important and needs work. The question of regular trail maintenance has come up again and as was indicated earlier the plan is to utilize adopt-a-segment volunteers.

Unfinished business

Letters of support – a number of requests for letters of support have been made to area businesses, organizations, and individuals and these requests should be followed up. There is an ongoing need to show support for the trail.

League of MN Cities Insurance Trust bill – an invoice was received shortly after the May meeting and payment had been approved in the amount of 1,068.00 pending receipt of an invoice. Payment has been made.

Bonding proposal – Tim Johnson contacted the City of Cook and learned that Cook had another project they were pursuing State bonding dollars for. Any Trail project would be a lower priority for them.

New business

Brochure order – new brochures have been printed and received. An invoice is pending.

Summer events – a spot has been obtained for Cook Timber Days. The exact location is to be determined. Carol Booth is lining up volunteers to staff the booth for the three day event and Tim Johnson will make his canopy available again. Caroline Owens will check on Ely Blueberry Festival possibilities.

Executive director position – a coordinator position was discussed. Topics included the need to advertise and the need to interview and required qualifications. A draft position description has been distributed on several occasions and Carol Booth threatened to do so again. Please review this information, send comments to Carol, and come prepared for decision at the July 2 meeting.

A Minnesota Parks and Trails representative will attend the August 6 meeting.

EAW process - Carol Booth spoke with Bob Manzoline but she is looking for more information.

There is no new information from SEH.

Motion by Cathi Hiveley, Beatty, second by Larry Tahija, Greenwood, to adjourn, all ayes, motion carried at 11:48.

Next meeting - the JPB meeting schedule for 2019 as set at the November 2018 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.

Steven Lotz, work group secretary