

Friends of the Lake Vermilion Trail
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
Electronic meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Vice Chair Bill Parker.

Members present: Vice Chair Bill Parker, Treasurer Caroline Owens, & Secretary Steve Lotz.

Also present: Contractor Mandie Aalto.

Minutes for the January 11, 2023 meeting having been distributed previously, motion by Bill, second by Steve, to approve the minutes as distributed, all ayes, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for December showed donations of \$31,050.00 giving an ending balance of \$47,711.81. The Treasurer's report for January showed donations of \$1,000.00 giving an ending balance of \$48,711.81. Given that \$20,000 of the donation received was for matching grants there was a discussion of what was required of us, the thought being that we might have to match the \$20,000. It was decided that the intent was that we apply that \$20,000 as a match that might be required for other grants.

Mandie Aalto is researching grant possibilities.

Caroline was traveling and thus asked what she had provided for the audit last year. Steve checked and reported that she had provided the check register, Treasurer's report, beginning and ending FB&T statements, and beginning and ending PayPal statements.

Bill asked the status of the east segment was with regard to applying for funding. Steve indicated that no decision could be made until the Mesabi Trail alignment was known. Bill felt we must raise money and wait for the segment to catch up.

Mail chimp - Bill asked if mail chimp will work. Mandie said that it tracks contact information but does not track donations but she will contact Char again about this. Bill said if mail chimp will not work we need a platform that will and then we can reconstruct the donation data.

Earthfest – Mandie will contact Char about the banner and such. The date is April 22.

Steve gave a brief recap of the meeting he and Nancy Salminen had with Sarah Ciochetto at Mesabi Station on January 26. There are several ways that the JPB might work with the Mesabi Trail and it will take considerable discussion to set something up.

Bill submitted the Natural Harvest application last fall and recently returned the MN P&TC survey.

Caroline and Mandie made introductions.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 3 pm via Zoom.

Motion by Caroline, second by Steve, to adjourn at 3:50 pm.

Steven Lotz, secretary