

North Bend Rails to Trails Foundation

Apr. 28, 2010 — North Bend State Park, Ritchie County

North Bend Rails to Trails Foundation meeting opened by Vice Chairman Jim Helmick, in the absence of the Chairman. The evening's guest was Lowell Bee of Charity Oil & Gas, and who is also a member of the Doddridge County EDA.

Mr. Bee had donated pipe for gates, and the foundation recognized him for his work and dedication to the trail.

Secretary's Report: Mar. 24, 2010 minutes — A motion was made by James Jones and seconded by Tim McClung to approve the minutes of the Mar. 24, 2010 meeting with correction (meeting location changed to West End Cafe, Doddridge County), motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking: \$4,477.27; Savings, \$3,120.17; Van Kampen, \$46,352.08; Adams Matching, \$2,000.00; Matching Grant Fund, \$7,500. Liabilities: DNR \$1,824.25. Ken Adams moved to approve treasurer's report, Tim McClung seconded, motion approved.

• **Report** — Jim Helmick read notes from Mark Abbott. Jesse Ulderich and Steve Jones agreed to allow the NBRTF to use the SAFETEA grant to do more trail surfacing in Doddridge Co. The County Commission and Doddridge intended to donate funds for surfacing. The park agreed to change the scope of the grant to allow for more surfacing in the central regions of Doddridge County rather than surfacing the last mile near Salem (which is actually still in Doddridge Co.). Jesse and the crew have started ditching along several areas in and around West Union. Steve Jones said we can only do surfacing if proper drainage is in place to prevent the weather from washing away any new surfacing.

Jesse and crew have repaired the major slip where a culvert washed out west of downtown West Union. Work and funding is still needed to correct the drainage off the side of the hill but they have replaced the culvert and restored the trail so it is now safe to use this area. Mark also said he is still working to get the State Park Foundation consultant findings in a PowerPoint presentation so everyone can see them at home on their computer. He should have this info and file some time after first week of May.

Ken Adams had pictures on his camera of areas of trail that were damaged. He said vegetation is growing through the asphalt and it just has to be sprayed to kill it. Jim asked Ken to check with Jesse about a tree on the trail.

• **County Reports** — Ken Adams attended cleanup at North Bend State Park and picked up 37 tires (and rearranged his back)! Jesse changed some of the locks on the gates. Ken will have the office in Cairo open Saturday for the Marble Festival.

James Jones said Pennsboro Depot work is 95% complete with lot paved, fabric, dirt/gravel and landscaping for parking by medical center. He said it is lined, handicapped spots marked and looks good.

D. J. Allen reported on the upcoming Marble Festival, had the State Park Foundation assessment and ADT newsletter available for review, reported on ADT hikers, reported the foundation received coverage in local papers, had the survey for the RC&D Area Plan for those wishing to fill it out, and turned in \$276.51 from Country Trails Bikes for sales. D. J. made a motion for the foundation to request \$1,000 from each of the County Commissions along the trail and to ask them to budget this every year. Those funds could be used to assist the foundation in their efforts to help secure matching funds for grants, for marketing efforts to promote the trail, for expenses for projects to upgrading the trail, and for projects specific to each county. Tim McClung seconded the motion, which was approved.

She also had a letter from the American Discovery Trail Society requesting those interested to send a letter to Congressmen for H.R. 4671 (National Discovery Trail Act). The deadline is Apr. 30th to receive a free guidebook from the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy for a donation. The Jackson County CASA Classic Bike Ride is May 22nd, and the Timothy Quigley Foundation is sponsoring a ride on the trail this fall.

Tim McClung reported downed trees on the trail. He couldn't get far because of new locks on the gates. Tim requested keys for when he works on the trail. He said it is in good shape for such a severe winter. He cut some trees and still couldn't go any further due to locks.

Jim Helmick said Salem is working on the caboose, but they still need funding for repairs. He also said the trail is good except for the area at Industrial. He said the trail is pretty good, is used quite a bit and that there are people all the time going one way or the other on the trail. He said since Jesse got the trail fixed it is better.

D.J. reported that the Cairo Town Council signed the 5-Year Lease Agreement with the NBRT Foundation, and that they would also like to use part of the upstairs (in their own building). Members did not object to that! The board agreed that Ken Adams should also have a key to the office. He is volunteering his time there to assist the foundation.

Tim McClung reported on the tire cleanup at Cabwaylingo State Forest.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Attending: Jim Helmick, Frank Glesner, Ken Adams, James Jones, Tim McClung, Mike Ring, and D. J. Allen, members, and Wilma Ring and Lowell Bee, guests.

Apr. 28, 2010 — *D. J. Allen*, Secretary

Tentative schedule of meeting locations previously decided upon by the board as follows:

January cancelled (weather makes it difficult)
February Harrison County
March Doddridge County
April Ritchie County - with possibility of meeting with state officials
May Wood County
June Harrison County
July Doddridge County
August Ritchie County
September ... Wood County
October Harrison County
Nov./Dec. Ritchie - at North Bend State Park