

North Bend Rails-to-Trails Foundation Meeting

June 22, 2011, 6:30 PM

Cottage Corner Restaurant, Harrison County

The June 22, 2011 meeting of the North Bend Rails-to-Trails Foundation was held at Cottage Corner Restaurant in Salem, and called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Mark Abbott with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Mark asked that all remember Carl Stemple.

James Jones moved to approve minutes from the May 2011 meeting, Ken Adams seconded the motion, which was approved.

David Kimball moved to approve the financial report, Jim Helmick seconded the motion, which was approved. Report available upon request.

Mark suggested omitting financial status from online report. For posting it will state that the "treasurer's report will be available upon request." The Adams Matching Grant and Adams Grant are renamed the Donor Matching and Donor Grant.

A bill was received from Norman Jackson Trucking, with \$843.06 - funds for improvements. He said it is \$21.75/ton for stone, and we received 3.5 to 4 tons per load, to be paid for out of the Donor Matching Fund. It was stated that Jesse Ulderich needs to know exactly where the MOVHD grant is to be used.

Trail Supt. Report: Notes were provided from Trail Supt. Jesse Ulderich in his absence. Crew has been cutting grass with new mower deck in Salem area, enjoying the deck and the excellent job it does. While one works, rest of crew is working in tunnel in Pennsboro and have put 6 or 7 loads in tunnel. After strong storms in West Union area, Jesse believes culvert they replaced west of West Union has adequately fixed drainage problem. If so, much more surfacing funds can be used in Doddridge County from the DOH grant. New problem at Tunnel 6 with erosion. Since grant was written there has been significant silting around tunnel, so significant ditching has to be done before surfacing can be put down on both sides of tunnel. (See back of agenda for additional info.)

Mountwood Connector Trail: Mountwood has designated an area for the multi-use trail.

By-Laws: James Jones moved to approve new By-Laws, Ken Adams seconded the motion, which was approved. The Secretary's Seal was applied to the original and to a set for Mike Ring, Treasurer.

A motion was made by D. J. Allen to nominate Carla Knapp to the NBRTF Board, Ken Adams seconded the motion, which was approved. Wood County representatives on the board are Carl Stemple, Mark Abbott, Tim McClung, Carla Knapp.

James Jones asked about a trail ride from Pennsboro East before the end of October. Several members are interested in viewing that section of trail.

Air Conditioner Repair: David Kimball moved to approve payment of bill for \$85 to Lee Morrison for air conditioner repair, James Jones seconded the motion, which was approved. Mike requested a W-9 form for Morrison.

Rails to Trails Conservancy dues are due. There was no motion but we will pay \$35 dues.

Salem restroom: Toilet paper hanger and railing thrown in pit. Mark said we could get someone to fabricate window coverings.

Ken Adams discussed a Port-a-John near Walker in Wood County. Would have to be ADA accessible, costs \$125 month to clean once a week. Ken asked if we should be spending money or saving to put in permanent structure. Mark will email about liability. D. J. Allen moved we pursue the cleanings pending the approval of North Bend State Park, Trail Superintendent Jesse Ulderich and depending on the outcome of liability responsibility. The motion was amended to: Authorize Ken Adams to enter into a contract with Ron's Port-a-Johns to supply ADA Port-a-John in the Walker Area

(\$125 month) through October. James Jones seconded the motion, which was approved.

Ken noted Rails to Trails Conservancy article about graffiti in tunnels as art project. On one project it eliminated 95% of graffiti and an open discussion should be held with park about Eaton's Tunnel. Need an art teacher to supervise project. Mark said first move is to speak with park, and if approved, then go to Wood County Schools.

Signs: Ken asked if we could get info again on yield signs - hikers, bikers, equestrians. We will check with Carla Knapp and online. D. J. noted we still need the sign on the bell from Cornwallis that is in Cairo.

Long-Term Planning: Discussed prioritizing sections of trail. We may or may not want another restroom at Industrial. Board needs a five-year plan.

It was suggested to have the August meeting at Freed's Diner in Cairo, on the trail, instead of at the Thomas Harris Museum in Harrisville. D. J. will check with Freed's.

Custom TeeZers will email Ken a copy of the new design for shirt for trail maintenance fund.

James Jones asked about water on the trail. He said there is water at the depot, and D. J. said some businesses along the trail have water and/or a place to fill bottles. Mark will talk to Ken Caplinger about using right of way for water along the trail.

David Kimball moved to adjourn. The next meeting will be in Doddridge County at West End Cafe, July 27th, 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDING were Mark Abbott, Jim Helmick, Frank Glesner, David Kimball, Ken Adams, James Jones, Mike and Wilma Ring, and D. J. Allen.

D. J. Allen, Secretary, 6/22/11