

North Bend Rails-to-Trails Foundation Meeting

Sept. 28, 2011, 6:30 PM

Golden Corral, Parkersburg, Wood County

The Sept. 28, 2011 meeting of the North Bend Rails-to-Trails Foundation was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Mark Abbott with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Ken Adams moved to approve minutes of the Aug. 2011 meeting with correction (delete "due to trail rides" from Marking Trail paragraph; Tim McClung seconded the motion, which was approved.

Treasurer's Report available upon request.

Old Business: Mark Abbott reported we compiled the match for DOH grant and sent it to them, and environmental and archaeology work is being done to finalize work on Doddridge Co. grant prep. Beth Williams is Bill Robinson's replacement. Bill assumed Harold Simmons' position. Note: GPS was done on trail in 2008 for 911 centers. In grant, 3 sites were named: Tunnel #6 which had too much ballast removed, 2' of water and debris falling off end of tunnel. Last summer Trail Supt. and crew chopped up debris and put it back in tunnel. 2nd: Large culvert blowout, 1/2 to 3/4 mile from trail, anticipated costing \$20,000 to \$30,000, trail crew fixed that area. 3rd: Near Salem, area near Industrial Home where water comes off hill, across trail and nearly cuts trail in half. No drainage there and stagnant pool. Bill and Beth will release the NBRT Foundation for Harrison County portion of trail that needs repaired. Park and DOH officials will confer on that issue. Mark said we will do nothing but trail surfacing. David Kimball said he thinks we may be able to do the biggest part of Doddridge County, waiting on Notice to Proceed. NBRTF will not spend any funds on the problem at the Industrial Home. David said there is a large slip at Long Run.

Volcano Days: Ken Adams reported on Volcano Days and reported a lot of contacts were made. Packets from the park were distributed and the roll-up signs helped bring attention to the display. (Thanks for enduring the rain!) The foundation will attend again next year.

MOV Model Railroad Club: Mark Abbott suggested we bring trains to the Nov. 5th Christmas Sale at the MOV Model Railroad event. He reported a man had CSX and railroad maps that may be reproduced, and historic photos and slides may be loaned to us.

Introductions: Rodney Holbert, Steve Staats are engineers with Burgess & Niple and Tracy Higgins is with the Wirt-Washington-Wood Planning Commission. A MOV Health Dept. initiative meeting will be held Oct. 17th, 5:00 at the Legacy Inn in Pennsboro. Ken Adams spoke with Ritchie Wellness Coordinator Michelle Toman and another grant was submitted for a mile of surfacing in Wood County. Officials will meet Oct. 5th, 8 AM, at Corning Park in Parkersburg to tour Little Kanawha Connector, which was the #1 trail chosen in Wood County by the MOVHD Wood County team.

Events: Jim Helmick reminded everyone of the Apple Butter Festival Oct. 6-7-8-9, and someone is needed to sell items there. James Jones reported the Pennsboro Depot will be open for alumni day on Oct. 8th, and a 10-mile walk will be held from Pennsboro to the park. D. J. Allen reported the Cairo Fall Engine & Fiber Arts Festival will be Oct. 15th. Mark stated he would help and Ken will have the bank open. David Kimball said Oct. 1st is the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast from 7 AM to noon.

NEW BUSINESS: Kiosks - We may get kiosks at Petroleum and Cairo, Ken will provide info on Petroleum and D. J. will on Cairo. Ken contacted the historical society and David McKain and discussed interpretive signs, may have 10 different signs, depending on availability of information. Michelle Toman of the MOVHD is gathering the information that is being compiled.

Martin Marietta: Mark Abbott faxed credit application to Martin Marietta and received approval. Jesse Ulderich will use dump truck to haul stone. Product is available from Sand Hill and the Kanawha Yard in Parkersburg. Crusher Run will be used. Martin Marietta will send bills to our official address in Cairo.

December meeting: Meal choices were available for Christmas meeting Dec. 7th: Lemon pepper fish, pork tenderloin, chicken Cordon Bleu. Let Mike Ring know by Nov. 18th your choice. The foundation pays for the trail crew and spouses, and will for Carl Stemple in Wood County.

Barton Remembrances: A spike award will be given to the Dick Barton family in his honor. For the funeral service, D. J. created a framed remembrance with plaque for Dick's family. Mark suggested and David Kimball moved to donate to Shiloh Saddle Club in memory of Dick Barton; Ken Adams seconded the motion, which was approved.

Pit Toilet: Mark appointed Ken Adams to the Cleaning Committee; Tim McClung and Mike Ring volunteered. Mark discussed a vandal-proof piece for the windows. It will cost \$6,000 to move one pit toilet and \$17,000 to \$20,000 for a new one. David Kimball will get an estimate to fix the shelter that is falling down (east end of Tunnel #6). Mike will contact John Kiggins.

Connector: Mark will call CSX about estimate on obtaining section for LK Connector.

Correspondence: D. J. noted Doreen Harney is interested in being a director in Doddridge County and was notified of the meeting. She also read a letter from K. Bruce Lazenby written to Sheriff Bryan Backus concerning conditions on the trail. She said this confirms the need for maintenance and signage (possible grant through MOVHD) as people have trouble finding the trail, and it is part of the American Discovery Trail. Lazenby gave suggestions and stated he had enclosed a donation for the trail (in letter to Backus), and will be back again.

Inspections: Rodney Holbert said they have finished inspecting bridges on the trail over state highways. There was one at Ellenboro, two at West Union and one at Marshville Road, and said they should be done every two years.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will be Oct. 26th at Cottage Corner Restaurant in Harrison County.

ATTENDING were Mark and Kathy Abbott, Jim Helmick, David Kimball, Frank Glesner, Ken Adams, James Jones, Carla Knapp, Tim McClung, Mike and Wilma Ring, Michael Ireland, Steve Staats, Rodney Holbert, Tracy Higgins, and D. J. Allen.

D. J. Allen, Secretary, 9/28/11