



Minutes October 14, 2021

@ Belding Depot

Call to order by Mark Fritsma @ 6:05

Board Members Present: Ron Gunderson, Lynn Mason, Mark Fritsma, Chad Farlee, Mark Grieves and Wayne Addis.

Absent: Robert Brown, business commitment. Motion by Ron, seconded by Mark G. to excuse his absence. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes: Wayne moved to approve the September minutes as printed, Ron seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Agenda: Additions: Website under Old Business, Over budget issue under Treasurer Report, and chainsaw and replacement parts under Bills.

Treasurer's Report:

All Bills are paid we are solvent

We Balance at \$117.423.50

We had an income of \$ 2150.00

0 Lifetime Memberships were sold

0 Yearly memberships were sold

Some Benches were sold

We had Expenses of \$ 9120.22

To note: The Authority Line item is over budget at \$851.07. This is due to the timing of grant check received. Lynn moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Wayne seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Bills:

- Trees were removed from both Sessions and Lake Creek bridges. \$1890 (6 hrs.excavate, 15 hours labor) owed to MVLL. This bill will be reimbursed by the Authority Board. Chad moved to approve, and Wayne seconded. Motion carried 6-0
- A huge tree fell south of Fletcher Road. It was in the right of way. MVLL moved the tree for a cost of \$1,045. Lynn moved to approve and Chad seconded. Motion carried 6-0
- A trimmer and chain links needed to be replaced due to motor failure. The bill is approximately \$450. Ron needs to be reimbursed. Chad moved to accept and Wayne seconded. This will also be reimbursed by the Authority. The motion carried 6-0
- A motion was made by Mark G. and seconded by Lynn to reimburse Wayne \$61.43 for replacement parts on his chain saw. These dollars will come from general donations. Motion carried 6-0.

Budget: Currently we are over budget by \$2,625 misinformation given to us from the Authority Board. \$49,000 down from \$51,625. After much discussion, Chad moved to take the money from the Surface Improvement line item. Wayne seconded and the motion carried 6-0

Authority: Ron reported that the following motion passed. Karen, from the Heartland Trail Friends, asked to withdraw their remaining budget dollars, as well as their carry-over dollars. There has been a meeting time change. The Finance Committee will meet at one and the general meeting will begin at two. The City of St. Johns and Shiawasee Co. still need to fill one position on the board.

Maintenance / Trail Expansion:

- Ron power washed the deck over the Grand River due to slippery conditions. Discussion on how to get water to areas that need power washing.
- Ron spent time blowing and cleaning off leaves, acorns, walnuts, etc of the trail.
- Wayne and his son Tim spent time replacing and putting in new signs. Thank you!
- The KCRC has been out marking areas with loose or missing surface materials.
- We may need to cut back some branches from some walnut trees.
- Ron cleaned the fenced area behind the Ionia Secretary of State office.

Chair Report: None

Upcoming Events: Run MI Cheap will be on the trails Oct. 30th. This is the last one scheduled for this summer.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business:

Website: Mr. John Brown contacted Ron with the following issues:

- He has administrative rights to dot.org account
- Our old site has 7 pages.
- Do we want a blog? No...social media should cover that.

- Do we have a square set up for payment on site? No, we would prefer PayPal.
- Who will be the people/person who will be the contact? Mark F. is our choice. The following people have administrative access: John Brown, Ron G., Robert and Mark F. Board members should contact Mark F. for items on the website.
- The pricing is \$900 flat fee and \$100/page.
- He will need 50% down and can begin now.

Lynn moved and Ron seconded to approve Mr. John Brown's services and recommendations 5-10 pages. Motion carried 6-0

New Business: none

Public Comment: none

Director Comments:

- Ron informed us that the Day of Giving day was Monday last. The Ionia Independent Bank staff cleaned the Ionia paved section from the Grand River to Prairie Creek. The Belding Independent Bank staff cleaned the Belding paved area, M-44 to Hock Road.
- Independent Bank also gave a generous \$2500 donation to support both the Belding and Greenville areas. A Huge Thank You to them!
- Ron discussed possibly doing a capital campaign next year to build a 16X16 covered shelter at Foreman. Discussion continues.
- Lynn reported that Steve Reeves, RR Ranch, is interested in sponsoring the bench at Whites Bridge Rd.

Adjournment: Wayne moved and Lynn seconded to adjourn at 7:25. Motion carried 6-0