



Minutes November 11, 2021

@ Belding Depot

Call to order by Mark Fritsma @ 7:05

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

Board Members Absent: Mark Grieves and Robert Brown. It was moved by Mark F and seconded by Chad to excuse their absences. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes from Oct. 14, 2021: Moved by Wayne and seconded by Chad to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda: Moved by Wayne and seconded by Chad to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer Report: Chad reported as follows:

All Bills are paid we are solvent

We Balance at \$126194.99

We had an income of \$ 13930.01

0 Lifetime Memberships were sold

0 Yearly memberships were sold

We had Expenses of \$ 5158.52

It was moved by Wayne and seconded by Lynn to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Bills: MVL bill for mowing the Foreman area \$45.00. Moved by Wayne and seconded by Chad to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

MI Millers Ins. bill for Commercial Package Policy \$475/year and Board of Director Policy \$325/year. These expenses will be reimbursed by the Authority. Moved to approve made by Lynn and seconded by Chad. Motion carried 5-0.

Authority Report: Ron reported as follows: The Finance Committee met and approved all 3 Friends Groups budget and the third quarter reports.

Barry was absent and the Board decided to wait on most financial issues until he returns. The Board approved reimbursement for replacement of signage, posts and materials for \$1784.48.

As budgets were approved, members of the Heartland group asked for their carry over dollars as well as the \$49,000 that will start fresh in January. No action taken. Ron intends to propose that if a group proposes they receive carry over dollars that this money amount be subtracted from the \$49,000 and that is the amount given. Concern for deleting the yearly dollars allowed. Bob Craig, from St. Johns was appointed as Vice Chair and Ken Farley, from St. Johns, was appointed as at- large member of the Board.

Maintenance:

Jill, DNR, and Tom Byle, KCRC, met to work on a rough spot near 4 Mile Rd. The area was first roughed up and then added 6 inches of product. Then it will be rolled. The cost amount will be given to Jill at DNR.

The fence at Dumond Rd has been roughed up. The debate is whether to use flexible poles or guard rail. Discussion continues.

Brushing and mowing has been continuing.

Ron repaired, with filler, some reported cracks north of Foreman.

Lynn will send a sympathy card to the Litchfields in the passing of a family member.

Chair Report: none

Upcoming events: none. Eventually the forms needed for upcoming events will be available on the soon to be completed website.

Public Comment: none

Unfinished Business: Mark F. met with John Brown, JBMD to discuss building the website.

They came up with a list of items and determined there would be 8 pages. Mark sent the Board the first draft for review. The cost to build the site is \$2050. To maintain the site is \$50 per month. It is expected to be completed in 40-60 days and they hope to have it done by the first of the year. Lynn moved to accept a web development proposal with JBMD. Wayne seconded and it carried 5-0.

New Business: Discussion concerning replacing 6 dog waste stations that had been grant funded in the Belding area. There has been vandalism to most. The replacements would be more secure and a lesser chance of waste of bags. Motion to purchase 6 at a cost of \$60 each and 3200 bags for \$110 was made by Lynn and seconded by Wayne. The motion carries 3-2 with Lynn and Chad voting no.

Public Comment: none

Director Comments:

Lynn discussed positive discussions with retired educators on the condition and use of the trail. Wayne sees lots of retired BAS employees on the trail. Mark F. shared that the Musketawa Trail group is having a new brochure produced. When it is completed, he will bring a sample to us. Chad reported that next month we will be dealing with year end details.

Adjournment: Wayne moved and Chad seconded to adjourn at 8:30, Motion carried 5-0. Next meeting will be December 9th at 6:00 PM.

Submitted by Secretary Lynn Mason.