



**Friends for the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail Trail
Minutes, Jan 12, 2023@ Saranac Depot**

- I. **Call to Order:** Ron Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:12
- II. **Board Members Present:** Ron Gunderson, Lynn Mason, Wayne Addis, Mark Fritsma, Mark Grieves, Chad Farlee
- III. **Guests:** Dean Gage and Terese Addis
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Amendment made on page 2, replace Mitch with Scott. Mark G. moved and Wayne seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 6-0
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Add to New Business: Bylaws, Bills and \$10,000 Authority grant. Mark G. moved and Wayne seconded to approve as amended. Motion carried 6-0
- VI. **Public Comment:** None
- VII. **Reports of Officers and Committees:** Brochures: Mark F. reported no report. Lynn reported by sharing the beginning of the membership spreadsheet and a thank you letter.
- VIII. **Treasurer Report:** Chad reported that all bills are paid and we are solvent. We Balance at \$99,384.08. We had income of \$14,093.55. Zero memberships were sold. We had expenses of \$123.00. The following upcoming activities are reported;
January: LARA is done and paid.
February: Set audit date with Data Specialist and make payment.
March: Where are we with the Google Domain? Cost?
*Snow plowing and tree removal need to be considered.

* Chad reported that he purchased 2 years worth of postage for a cost of \$23.60. Wayne moved and Mark G. seconded to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

* Chad asked that we once again approve of paying recurring bills as they come due. Lynn moved and Wayne seconded to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

* Wayne moved and Lynn seconded motion to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried 6-0.

- **Bills:** It was moved by Chad to draw the \$10,000 from the Authority on a monthly basis. Lynn seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

VIX. Authority Report: None

X. Maintenance Report:

- Ron removed some leaning trees and cut some fallen ones up. (15)
- Mitch presented a price for brooming and brushing the 22 miles of crushed asphalt. \$4750, which will be part of spring cleanup.
- KCRC, 3rd month of dealing with bills owed. The bills/invoices were slow coming via email. Some invoices needed more details. The bills totaled \$97,983.19. Discussion on paying with 3 separate checks to avoid confusion. Shall we pay all at once, now or in February. Ron and Chad will make the decision based on feedback from the DNR and KCRC. At least we don't have to go back to Meijer for some money.
- Culvert needs to be added south of Belding. Some ditching is needed in the same area.
- Culvert extensions are needed south of McPherson and near Fletcher Rd. Some bunker blocks are needed in the same area.
- Culvert south of 3 Mile, the box culvert needs to be cleaned out.
- We have \$53,450 in **Meijer Advancement \$\$\$** to use. Mitches bill for the above culvert work is \$49,737.05. After discussion, Wayne moved and Chad seconded to approve the MVLL bill along with completing the work. The invoices are 1413 and 1412. Mark G. abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

XI. Upcoming Events: Liz Taylor (Run MI Cheap) wishes the event to take place on May 14th. It will begin in Saranac and go to Ionia. They will pay according to our policy. This group cleans up well. Chad moved and Mark G. seconded to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

XII. Unfinished Business: None

XIII. New Business:

Mark G. moved and Chad seconded to elect the current officers by acclamation. Motion carried 6-0. Chair: Ron G. Vice-Chair: Mark F. Secretary: Lynn M. and Treasurer: Chad Farlee.

Bylaws: The Bylaws were amended in 2016 and 2018. It was moved by Wayne and seconded by Mark F. to approve the 2023 Bylaws as printed. Motion carried. The document was then signed and dated by the Chair and Secretary.

Public Comment: None

Director Reports: None

Adjourn: It was moved by Lynn and seconded by Wayne to adjourn at 7:32. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2023