



**Minutes January 14, 2022**

**@ Belding Depot**

**Call to order by Mark Fritsma @ 6:08**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Robert Brown

**Minutes from Dec. 9, 2021:** Motion to approve as written by Wayne A. seconded by Mark G. Motion carried 6-0

**Agenda:** Add; Election of officers to New Business. Moved as amended by Wayne A. seconded by Ron G. Motion carried 6-0

**Treasurer's Report:**

All Bills are paid we are solvent

We Balance at \$125720.27

We had an income of \$ 11,784.48

0 Lifetime Memberships were sold

0 Yearly memberships were sold

We had Expenses of \$ 3594.00

Chad reported that the year end financial packet has been prepared and is ready to send to Data Specialists in Greenville.

Lynn M. moved to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by Wayne A. Motion carried 6-0

**Bills:** Chad requested an annual authorization to pay bills, according to the budget, without first getting them approved by the board. Ron made the motion to approve, Wayne seconded.

Motion carried 6-0

**Budget issue:** Scott Litchfield agreed to complete mowing this coming year at the same cost as last year.

**Authority:** Ron reported the following:

- A budget procedure for drawing dollars from the interest of the Meijer Monies has been worked out. Did away with the 3 year carry-over, considered cumbersome.
- The Authority Board will now keep approx. 7% of previous year's interest for bills.
- Balance divided by 3, for the Friends Groups, until the accrual reaches 50% of the Friend's Group budget. This will allow for more dollars for maintenance projects.
- The Authority Board has a budget year from Jan-Dec, whereas Ionia County begins in Oct. These differences were causing some extra draws due to timing.
- Board member Bob Craig brought up for discussion topic of black top and the CIS section.
- Plowing the section in St. Johns will now be plowed. They are interested in a MOU in regard to when to plow. The area is approx. 5 miles.
- No Shiawassee Rep yet to be appointed but a St. John's resident has been added.

**Maintenance:**

- New dog stations have been installed.
- Remaining benches are now placed. Thank you to Ron!
- The Greenville sections and the Ionia sections are being plowed. Thank you!
- Trouble with snowmobiles on many sections, mostly Whites Bridge area.
- Tree work has been done for about 8 days. The cost, so far, to Litchfields is \$5600. Approximately \$330 per mile. He is cutting back the 10 foot right-of-way and taking care of dead trees nearby.
- Some wood may be available along the trail. Contact Ron if interested.
- We have received the OK to place mile markers only on one side of the trail, but with the ability to read from both directions. Less clutter and we will be able to use the poles elsewhere.
- Tom Byle (KCRC) continues to work with Ionia County on the budget numbers. Currently the final budget for the new section is \$2,269,319.39. 2.93% under budget.
- It is yet to be worked out what the financial obligation of our group will be.
- Most of the sign corrections have been completed. We are still looking for the "Welcome to Our Trail" signs.
- Soft spots on the trail continue to be on the punch list. The trail is 99% completed. Discussion continues on how to repair the soft spots. Board gave Ron the OK to do some research.

**Chair Report:** None

**Upcoming Events:**

The YMCA, a non-profit, has requested the following dates: April 24, Aug. 5. Hailey is now the contact person. Lynn moved and Chad seconded to accept their request. Motion carried 6-0

**Public Comment:** none

**Unfinished Business:** The website is coming along. Thanks to Mark F. and Mr. John Brown. There is some work being done on a brochure.

**New Business: Election of Officers 2022**

The following people were nominated and elected to serve this coming year:

**Chairperson: Ron Gunderson**

**Vice-Chair: Mark Fritsma**

**Treasurer: Chad Farlee**

**Secretary: Lynn Mason**

Motion to approve made by Lynn and seconded by Mark G. Motion carried 6-0

**Public Comment:** None

**Director Comments:**

Chad expressed the need to work on our Membership Lists.

Ron represented us at the Clinton Co. Green Space meeting. He discussed CIS surface and types of product to be used, should there be an apprentice to be used as a shadow, and dollars for cleaning up trees.

Ron shared that the LARA (license and regulatory affairs) documentation is all caught up and complete. Thank you Ron for the time to get this done.

Several board members expressed that the trail looks great and is getting lots of use.

Lynn moved and Chad seconded to adjourn at 8:05. Motion carried 6-0