



**Friends of the River Valley Rail Trail
Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2023
6:00 PM @ Belding Depot**

Call to Order: Chair Gunderson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Roll Call: Ron Gunderson, Lynn Mason, Chad Farlee and Wayne Addis. Members absent are Mark Fritsma and Mark Grieves. Moved by Chad seconded by Wayne to excuse them. Motion carried 4-0.

Guests: Terese Addis and Jim and Carol Carpenter

Public Comment: The Carpenters shared concerns about the unpaved section of trail between Belding and Greenville. Could it be paved? Discussion ensued.

Approval of Minutes: Wayne moved and Chad seconded to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Agenda: Wayne moved and Chad seconded to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports of Officers:

- Chad reported that the return labels have been ordered.
- Mark F. continues work on brochures.

Treasurer's Report: Chad reported that we are solvent and all bills are paid.

We Balance at 76,372.24

We had an income of \$10121.76

0 Lifetime Memberships were sold

0 Yearly memberships were sold

We had Expenses of \$ 22079.24

Bill upcoming: Mowing, D&D seal coating final, chainsaw parts \$69.79.

Ron reported that we received the \$4,600 grant from the Greenville Community Foundation for seal coating.

Lynn moved and Wayne seconded to approve the Bills and Treasurer Report.

Motion carried 4-0.

Authority Board:

- The balance at Ionia County is \$127,029,04.
- \$30,000 was given in grants to all 3 Friends groups.
- CIS: Litchfield moved and blew trail, Chad Thelan sprayed weeds, there is a porta john at Ovid, discussion continues on extending the trail past the CIS, and they have had some graffiti issues.
- Heartland: Had their annual meeting with 130-135 guests. They raised \$6,000. They have insurance, with the exception of the bridges.

Maintenance:

- Retaining wall is complete south of Fletcher, discussion on bend in the wall due to restrictions on work areas. The east side is also completed.,
- There remains a soft spot near Fletcher.
- Culvert work was done, but more have been found.
- Scott is mowing and weed eating. Drought slows growth.
- Signs in Belding are in with one sign misspelled and one forgotten.
- Creek, river, stream signs are in, they need to be installed on 8ft poles.
- Trash receptacles are in, cost \$11,823. Discussion on platforms.
- Area on Adams St. in Ionia repaired by Ron. thank you!

Events: No report

Unfinished Business: No report

New Business: No report

Public Comment: None

Director Reports: Chad requested discussion on possibly moving meetings from Thursday to Wednesday, starting in August. Discussion for next meeting.

Ron continued discussion on parking at Long Lake Rd.

Chad brings up the need for a fundraiser.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2023

Adjournment: Lynn moved and Wayne seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.