



**Friends of the Fred Meijer River Valley Rail-Trails  
December 8, 2022 @ 6:00 PM, Saranac Depot**

- I. Call to order@ 6:00 by Chair Ron Gunderson.**
  
- II. Board Members Present: Ron Gunderson, Lynn Mason, Chad Farlee, Mark Fritsma.  
Board Members Absent: Wayne Addis(sick) and Mark Grieves(work).  
Moved by Chad and seconded by Mark F. to excuse. Motion carried 4-0.**
  
- III. Guests:Tim and Virginia McClellan along with Dean Gage.**
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Chad and seconded by Mark F. to approve as written. Motion carried 4-0.**
  
- V. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was amended as follows: add Donor's box to Treasurer Report. Add Brochures to Unfinished Business. Add 2023 Calendar, WMTG Donation and goals to New Business. Motion to approve amended agenda made by Lynn and seconded by Mark F. Motion carried 4-0.**
  
- VI. Public Comment:Tim M. commented that he loves the trail. He mostly rides the Ionia, Saranac and Lowell sections. Virginia M. commented that she loves the benches.**
  
- VII. Reports of Officers or Committees:  
A. Chairperson Report:**

**B. Treasurer's Report: Chad reported:**

All Bills are paid we are solvent

We Balance at **\$83643.09**

We had an income of **\$520.39**

**0** Lifetime Memberships were sold

**0** Yearly memberships were sold

We had Expenses of \$ **4657.41**

\*We received a \$75.00 contribution in the Donor's Box on Wed. There was a need to adjust how the donation was received.

\*We have been reimbursed for the Greenville advancement dollars for the northern phase. The amount was \$7,894.76. The advancement dollars are now all paid up.

\*Discussion concerning the KCRC amount owed occurred. Some bills were challenged by Ron and Chad. Negotiations continue with KCRC/DNR.

\*\$4,499 was approved by the Authority to reimburse for the Saranac project.

It was moved by Ron and seconded by Mark F. to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried 4-0.

**1. Bills: None**

**C. Authority Report: It was approved to withdraw interest of \$200,000 from the GRC Foundation to cover budgets and have dollars as a buffer. \$400,000 more is available if necessary.**

The Authority Board is down 3 members, 2 from Ionia County.

St. Johns has an MOU for plowing. Some adjustments are still needed.

**D. Maintenance Report:**

- **Scott** is done mowing.
- Power brooming is still needed on crushed asphalt. Mitch will give an estimate.
- Bench pads will be put in in the spring.
- City of Ionia is not emptying trash.
- Dog waste receptacle is up in Ionia. One waste station was torn up a bit.
- Homeless camp near fairgrounds has been torn down. Thanks Ron for helping with this.
- Discussion on interactive Facebook mapping.
- Ron finally got some rest time as the punch list is now minimal.
- Culvert near Fletcher needs to be repaired, plus 4 others need some attention.

**VIII. Upcoming Events: None**

**IX. Unfinished Business: Discussion on brochure. Mark presented us with the Musketawa Trail brochure to review. We need pictures and advertisers. It was agreed to have a 4-Fold brochure. It was also agreed that we will need to feature the costs for advertising on both the website and Facebook. It was moved by Lynn and seconded by Chad to offer business card size space for \$200/yr and ½ sized for \$100. Motion carried 4-0. More acknowledgement of trail supporters and enthusiast donors must be included in our social media spaces.**

**X. New Business:**

- **2023 Meeting Calendar was presented. The Belding Depot will not be available until spring. Chad moved and Mark F. seconded to approve the calendar. Motion carried 4-0.**
- **West Michigan Trails and Greenways (WMTG) shall we give a donation? Lynn moved and Ron seconded to approve \$100 and it will come out of the general donations fund. Motion carried 4-0.**
- **Next month discussion on membership will continue.**
- **Some goals for 2023 were discussed:**
  - = Keep up with communication on Facebook and Website**
  - = Identify and name water areas on trail**
  - = Brochures**

**XI. Public Comment: Question on plowing of trails. Saranac, Greenville and Belding do, Ionia does not.**

**XII. Director Comments: Board Members appointed next month.**

**Adjournment: Mark F. moved and Chad seconded to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:39. The next meeting is Jan 12, 2023@ Saranac Depot.**