



Friends of the River Valley Rail Trails
Meeting Minutes August 13,2025
@ The Belding Depot 6:00 PM

- I. Call to Order: Chair Ron called the meeting to order at 6:03.
- II. Board Members Present: Ron Gunderson, Lynn Mason, Mark Fritsma, Wayne Addis, Alan Teelander, and Jennifer Mierendorf (6:20)
- III. Guests: None
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Wayne, and seconded by Alan, to approve the July 9th Minutes as presented. Motion carried
- V. Approval of the Agenda: Added Support Letter to Unfinished Business. It was moved by Wayne, seconded by Mark to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried.
- VI. Public Comment: None
- VII. Officer Reports: None
- VIII. Treasurer Report: the account balance is \$56,178.88. Total income was \$39,299.00. Expenses were \$7,288.40. Bank statements and invoices were given to the Board. It was moved by Lynn, seconded by Wayne, to approve the report. Motion carried.
- IX. Bills: Gas cans- \$91.15, Garbage bags \$38.15, and Fuel \$91.50. Jennifer moved to approve and Alan seconded. Motion carried.
- X. Authority Report:
 - Financial Meeting: the first and second quarter Reports were approved.
 - Friends Groups Balances:
 - River Valley \$20,708.79
 - Heartland \$27,829.44
 - CIS \$37,463.83
 - The account balance at Ionia is \$35,000.65.
 - The new Chair is John Plowman and the new Vice Chair is Scott Dzurka. All other officers stayed the same.
- XI. Maintenance Report:
 - The second weed spray has been completed.

- Mowing has been done 3 times. Scott will mow again in about a week.
- Property owners at Keyser and Riverside asked to have some trees removed. Concerned about falling on their property and items. Ron met with them and with Mitch for a solution. The cost would be approximately \$6- 7,000. Grant dollars could be used. After discussion, it was moved by Wayne, seconded by Lynn, to approve the tree removal at our expense. Motion carried.
- The sink hole at Lincoln Lake and 3 Mile has been repaired and is passable. Some more work will be needed.
- Brushing @ \$1900/ day, perhaps could take up to 20 days, needs to be done.
- Discussed future Grants from the DNR.

XII. Treasurer Report:

- It was a low activity month.
- Our balance is \$56,178.88. Income was \$39,299.00. Expenses were \$7,288.40. Jennifer gave the Board bank statements and invoices. Lynn moved to approve and Wayne seconded. Motion carried. The Bills were \$91.15 Gas cans, \$38.15 Garbage bags, and \$91.50 Fuel. Moved by Jennifer and seconded by Alan to approve. Motion carried.

XIII. Events: The Right Door Awareness Walk will take place on September 19 in Ionia near the Blue Bridge.

XIV. Unfinished Business: reviewed and amended the fundraiser Letter. Will add all Board Members names at the bottom.

XV. New Business: None

XVI. Public Comment: None

XVII. Director Comments: short discussion on E Bike signs, Mark will check out our trail cams and prepare for placement.

XVIII. Adjournment: 7:01, Motion by Mark seconded by Wayne. Motion carried.

XIX. Next Meeting: September 10, 2025