

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2021**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session via Zoom on April 22, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Mick Myers, Deb Nelson, Jakob Etrheim, Mark Mrla, Lori Gunnink, Janet Timmerman, Elica Kortus, Colleen Tollefson, Jessica Welu, Dan Wildermuth, Chris Ingebretsen, Molly Malone and Mike Zinnel.

APPROVE AGENDA

Deb stated she would like to add Mark Mrla to the agenda under Business.

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Jakob, seconded by Lori and unanimously carried to approve the March 25, 2021 meeting minutes.

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jakob reported a donation had been received in the amount of \$25.00. With a credit of \$50.00 to the Lake Wilson Community Club and \$240.00 to SW Regional Development Commission, there is a balance of \$10,799.44 in the checking account. He has received an invoice from SW Regional Development Commission in the amount of \$270.00 for March hours and from the Slayton Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$75.00 for membership and asked for approval to pay the invoices.

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's report and the payment of the two invoices as submitted.

There is a total of 37 members and discussion was held regarding the terms of officers and Boardmembers. Election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting in June.

BUSINESS

Follow Up with Legislators

Discussion was held regarding follow up with our legislators. No meetings have been scheduled with Dahms and Hamilton. Deb stated she would follow up with legislators, committee chairs, etc.

Update on Letters and Resolutions of Support

Two more letters of support have been received from the Hadley Lions Club and Southwest Health and Human Services and a resolution from the Prairie Riders Saddle Club.

Walnut Grove Land Acquisition

Bruce was unavailable to attend the meeting.

DNR Feedback on Wind Tower Easements

Chris shared:

- There was nothing new to report on the wind tower easements.
- His staff will be sweeping the entire trail either the end of this week or next.
- And he thanked all the individuals that took part in grooming the trail head in Pipestone.

Mick mentioned there were two semis that were sitting in the parking lot of the trail head and asked if signs could be made to eliminate this from happening in the future. Chris responded that since it's a public parking area, DNR is unable to post any signs prohibiting this type of use.

Co-Sponsor Scavenger Hunt at Lake Shetek State Park

Deb shared that the Friends have been invited to partner with Friends of Lake Shetek State Park to co-sponsor a scavenger hunt at Lake Shetek State Park. Trails will not be included in the scavenger hunt this year. As a co-sponsor, our group logo will be included on all posters. We will need to sponsor a prize (\$25 value) for a drawing in September.

Annual Meeting

Jakob will send out a Doodle survey to determine which date works best for a majority of Boardmembers for the annual meeting in June. We will discuss this at the May meeting.

Mark Mrla

Mark Mrla introduced himself and shared he and his wife are avid bikers. He shared several ideas on how to gain attention to the Casey Jones trail and also the attention of our legislators.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be May 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary