

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session via Zoom on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Mick Myers, Bruce Johnson, Deb Nelson, Jakob Etrheim, Dan Wildermuth, Roseann Schaur, Chris Ingebretsen, Molly Malone and Mike Zinnel.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mick stated he would like to amend the agenda to include Item D under New Business “Swag Items”.

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

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jakob stated there is one bill from the SRDC in the amount of \$105.00 that was paid by Murray County in October 2020 and Murray County will need to be reimbursed for this amount. He stated this invoice was most likely missed at that time because that was during the time that he was working with Amy on transitioning treasurer duties over to him. A bill has also been received from SRDC in the amount of \$660.00 for January services. There is currently \$11,519.28 in the checking account.

Jakob shared there are 29 memberships which is down from 36 last year at this time.

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Mike and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer and Membership report.

BUSINESS

TAP Funding Update

Deb informed the Board that the TAP funding application was pulled from the list of projects to be considered due to the fact that the trail allows snowmobiles on it and TAP funding is for walking and biking trails only.

Letters and Resolutions of Support

Only one additional resolution was received from the City of Lake Wilson. Members are encouraged to continue gathering more letters and resolutions.

Update on Meeting with Representative Joe Schomacker

Mick updated the Board on the outcome of the meeting with Representative Schomacker held yesterday sharing that it is difficult for the Casey Jones State Trail to remain in a bonding bill since the DNR has rated the trail as a secondary trail rather than a primary trail. Representative Schomacker stated he would author a bill in the 2021 special bonding bill session in the amount of \$1,049,037.00 to complete paving the last two miles to Woodstock and gravel, grade and pave the small parking lot in Woodstock.

Deb shared that after the meeting with Representative Schomacker, it was shared by Miron Carney, Slayton Mayor, that even though Representative Schomacker will author a bill for the Casey Jones State Trail, it might not make it to this special bonding session because due to the COVID pandemic last year, the Revisor of the State Statutes has 1700 unjacketed bills from 2020 that need to be jacketed for this special session and it is not certain if they can all be jacketed in time.

Membership Swag

Discussion was then held regarding Casey Jones State Trail swag for 2021. Chris stated the “in” thing now is people are putting stickers from the various parks on their water bottles. Another option discussed was t-shirts.

Motion was made by Jakob, seconded by Deb and unanimously carried to purchase t-shirts and stickers to be used for Casey Jones State Trail swag.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

OTHER

Bruce informed the Board that earlier he reported there was one unqualified “yes” landowner in the Walnut Grove area but he has since found out there is actually another one that is an 88-acre parcel of CRP ground on Plum Creek with Oak Savannah and high bluffs. The landowner that owns the 88-acres is currently working with family members and will be getting back Bruce was those discussions are complete.

Chris shared DNR is close to approving the PRC Wind company lease. He also shared there are five (5) vacancies at Split Rock Creek State Park and asked members to spread the news.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Deb Nelson, Secretary