

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL ASSOCIATION
ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2021**

The Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail Association convened regular session via Zoom on January 28, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. President Mick Myers called the meeting to order and introductions were given. Members present: Mick Myers, Bruce Johnson, Deb Nelson, Jakob Etrheim, Dan Wildermuth, Jessica Welu, Colleen Tollefson, James Jens, Molly Malone, and Chris Ingebretsen.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jakob shared three invoices that have been received as follows:

- Southwest Regional Development Commission - \$900.00
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- Membership Renewal for Greater Minnesota Parks & Trail - \$125.00

\$61.54 has been received in donations and \$518.60 in membership dues leaving \$10,900.99 in the checking account.

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Colleen and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer and Membership report and pay the three invoices as listed above.

BUSINESS

TAP Update

The full application for the Transportation Alternatives Grant has been received and Kent Skaar, Chris Ingebretsen and Deb Nelson will give a presentation to the Committee on February 12th at 9:30 a.m.

Letters and Resolutions of Support

The following is a list of businesses to request letters and resolutions of support and donations:

- Elite – resolution and membership (Lake Wilson)
- Woodstock – PRC Wind
- A Healthier Southwest

2021 Bonding Request

It appears there will be a special bonding session this year. Deb has submitted our legislative project to the Parks & Trail Council. She has also reached out to our legislators requesting a

meeting to discuss our legislative ask. A response has been received from Representative Joe Schomacker and a meeting via Zoom has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24th.

New Contract with SRDC

Discussion was held regarding renewing our contract with SRDC.

Motion was made by James, seconded by Jakob and unanimously carried to renew the SRDC contract for 12 months at a cost of \$3,500.00.

Onwership of Pipestone Trailhead

Chris updated the Board that any confusion on ownership of the Pipestone trailhead has been cleared up with DNR owning the portion that was in question.

Create Plan on Reaching out to Local Legislators

Jessica, Mick and Colleen are working on marketing and outreach materials (map and brochure) to use during our meetings with local legislators.

Update on Funding/Acquisition Task Force Meeting with Other Trail Advocates

Bruce Johnson updated the Board on the Manwarren property in Walnut Grove. Plum Creek flows through the Manwarran property north to Plum Creek County Park and there are ready-to-go landowners along the Walnut Grove route. Bruce stated there is a more favorable response from land owners as compared to previous resistant landowners.

Colleen shared on Friday, January 15th, the Funding and Acquisition Task Forces met with members of other trail advocates to find out how they advanced their trails. The information was super helpful and will be used in the meeting with our legislators.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary