

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

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session via Zoom on March 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. Members present: Mick Myers, Deb Nelson, Molly Malone, Mike Zinnel, Lori Guinnick, Jakob Ertheim, Colleen Tollefson, Dan Wildermuth, Chris Ingebretsen, and Jessica Welu.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Deb and unanimously carried to approve the December 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; January 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; and the February 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Jakob shared he had purchased 250 stickers for \$179.11 to be used as swag. He also stated the following two invoices will need to be considered: SRDC in the amount of \$240.00 and \$50.00 to the Lake Wilson Community Club for a business membership.

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Mike and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's report and the two invoices as presented.

Jakob then shared there are 37 members as of today which is up from 2020.

**BUSINESS**

**Follow Up with Legislators**

Thank yous will need to be sent to Representative Schomacker and Senator Weber for authoring bills for the Casey Jones State Trail.

It was then discussed contact should be made to Dahms and Hamilton to see if they would be willing to co-author the Schomacker and Weber bills. Schomacker and Weber will need to be contacted first to see if they are open to more authors on their bills.

Discussion was then held regarding who would be the best person to contact Dahms, Hamilton and Weber to schedule meetings similar to the Schomacker meeting. It was decided that it would be best if Bruce could contact them since Dahms and Hamilton are in his district.

Hearings will need to be requested with the LCCMR Committee and Legacy Committee as well.

### Update on Letters and Resolutions

No new letters and resolutions of support have been received.

### Letter to Erika Rivers Requesting Reclassification of Trail

A letter has been sent via email and snail mail to Erika Rivers, Director of MN State Park & Trails, requesting a meeting to discuss reclassification of the trail from a secondary trail to a primary trail. No response has been received yet.

### Walnut Grove Land Acquisition

Nothing to report as Bruce was unable to attend the meeting.

### DNR Feedback on Wind Tower Easements

Chris reported that Parks and Trails is in support of the project in the Lake Wilson area but DNR has not climbed on board yet. There is a lengthy review process DNR must follow which includes permits needed first from the wind tower company, Northern Wind, before DNR will look at the project. Once permits are received, a Public Utility Commission application will need to be submitted.

Chris then shared DNR has concerns regarding the noise of the towers along with ice flying from the blades in the winter. These issues would probably require the tower be placed further away from the trail than already planned.

### Revised Figure on the Currie Loop Trail

Jessica Welu updated the handout with the correct number of visitors the Currie Loop section of the trails has seen.

### Lake Wilson Section West

Lake Wilson section west – Deb will connect Kindel, Dan and Chris so they can conduct a walk-through of this section of the trail to look at some of the things that can be done to make this a hardened surface trail.

### Development of the Pipestone Trailhead

A hose will need to be replaced at the bike repair station located at the trailhead in Pipestone. Dan and Mick will take care of this.

Chris stated he will order a dump truck of gravel to be dropped off at the trailhead if city can blade and level it. Deb shared Public Works Director Mike Bloemendaal's contact information with Chris. Dan and Mick will take care of boulders from Double D Gravel.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2021 via Zoom.

### **OTHER**

Mick informed Jakob that could we get buttons to be used as swag at a cost of \$3.50/button.

Jessica shared t-shirts would be good to be used when the Friends to any kind of campaigning for the trail.

Dan shared an idea for the annual meeting which would include a ribbon cutting at the trailhead in Lake Wilson.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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Deb Nelson  
Secretary