

CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL RESOLUTION

Whereas outdoor recreation is a quality of life benefit that should be available to all;

Whereas southwest Minnesota has a huge void in access to state trails in comparison to other areas of the state;

Whereas trails provide direct access to our natural resources, including birds, wildflowers, lakes and prairie, as well as our historical/cultural resources;

Whereas outdoor physical activity is critical to our health;

Whereas trails, especially in our current pandemic, are an essential part of the healthcare system;

Whereas investing in parks and trails attracts employers, active workforces, and capital investment, helping communities thrive economically and socially;

Whereas trails are an asset to developing the economic impact of tourism and quality of life for residents, visitors and second home owners;

Whereas the Casey Jones State Trail was the first designated state trail in Minnesota;

Whereas the development of the Casey Jones State Trail is important to the resilience of southwest Minnesota;

Whereas while funding and trail development have generated trail networks in other areas of the state, the Casey Jones State Trail has been overlooked in this process;

Therefore, we hereby resolve to support the resurfacing of the Lake Shetek to Currie loop trail and future development and maintenance of the Casey Jones State Trail to completion.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____

DATE PASSED: _____

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT/OFFICER/AUTHORITY _____

Please send approved resolutions to: Deb Nelson, City of Pipestone, 119 2nd Ave SW,
Pipestone MN 56164

Letters of Support for the Casey Jones State Trail

For individuals and businesses wishing to support the development and completion of the Casey Jones State Trail, a letter of support is very helpful. Tell something about yourself, your family and/or your business and the importance of the trail to you. The following are potential suggestions to include in your content:

A trail is a great activity for families young and old;

Outdoor recreation is a quality of life benefit that should be available to all;

Southwest Minnesota has limited access to state trails in comparison to other areas of the state;

Trails are a great way to enjoy our natural and cultural resources;

Outdoor physical activity is critical to our health, especially in our current pandemic.

Investing in parks and trails attracts employers, active workforces, and capital investment, helping communities thrive economically and socially;

Trails are an asset to developing the economic impact of tourism and quality of life for residents and visitors.

The development of the Casey Jones State Trail is important to the resilience of our area;

We support the resurfacing of the Lake Shetek to Currie loop trail and maintenance and future development of the Casey Jones State Trail to completion.

Sample:

Dear Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail:

Our family has farmed near Lake Wilson for decades. We are retired and walk on the trail at least twice a week. It's a safe way for us to get some outdoor physical activity, and is even more critical during the pandemic.

When our grandchildren visit, they bring their bikes to ride the trail. We feel the trail provides a great opportunity for families young and old.

Our area of the state has very limited access to surfaced trails. We support the maintenance and development of the Casey Jones State Trail to completion.

Sincerely,

Please address your letter to the Friends of the Casey Jones State Trail and send to:
Deb Nelson, City of Pipestone, 119 2nd Ave SW, Pipestone MN 56164