

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
MEETING MINUTES**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on September 17, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom. Members present: Mick Myers, Deb Nelson, Bruce Johnson, Dan Wildermuth, Colleen Tollefson, Janet Timmerman, Lori Gunninck, Jim Jens, Chris Ingebretsen and Jakob Etrheim. Others present: SRDC Representatives Jessica Welu and Michael Moges and Department of Natural Resources Kent Skaar.

APPROVE AGENDA

There being no additions, changes or deletions to the agenda, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Bruce, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the following minutes:

- January 16, 2020
- May 20, 2020
- June 11, 2020
- July 9, 2020
- August 6, 2020

TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Approve August Mowing Invoice – Lake Wilson Trailhead

Jakob stated there is \$10,639.88 in the checking account of which \$1,000 is earmarked for the bench fund.

Motion was made by Lori, seconded by Dan and unanimously carried to approve the August Mowing Invoice in the amount of \$250.00 for mowing at the Lake Wilson Trailhead.

BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-1

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Bruce and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2020-1: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RESURFACING OF THE LAKE SHETEK TO CURRIE LOOP TRAIL AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CASEY JONES STATE TRAIL TO COMPLETION.

DNR Report

Handicap Ped Ramps

Kent Skaar, DNR, then addressed the group regarding the issue of the Handicap Ped Ramps on mile 6, 7, & 8 of the trail between Pipestone and Woodstock. With all DNR projects, ADA requirements are paramount to each project and must be strictly adhered to. The location of the ped ramps is very specific. The ramp is to be placed at the edge of the road to indicate there is a change in the condition of the trail, not the surface. When the DNR purchased the abandoned railroad bed (Casey Jones State Trail), the Deed

reflects DNR owns the entire corridor including the corridor over the road. The DNR has met with the Burke Township Board twice and is working with Burke Township to help address any issues that could be encountered with maintenance of the road where the ped ramps are located.

Surface Miles 9 & 10 and Six-Mile Currie Loop Trail

Discussion then followed on costs and funding to mill and overlay the Six-Mile Currie Loop trail and complete the three alternates to pave the last two miles to Woodstock, pave a small parking lot at the trailhead in Woodstock and make the entire 10-mile segment ADA accessible. Kent informed the Friends that DNR does not do mill and overlays on state trails but full trail reconstruction. Therefore, the loop trail would be a full reconstruction.

Michael Moges, SRDC, then gave the Board an update on the EDA CARES funds. Because of the requirements of creating and retaining jobs when using any EDA funding, it was felt the trail projects wouldn't qualify to receive the EDA CARES funding at this time.

It was the consensus of the Friends to have Kent and Chris present different funding options at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

October 15, 2020 via Zoom at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary