

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
January 16, 2020**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on January 16, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Present: Lori Gunnink, Chris Ingebretsen, James Jens, Mick Myers, Amy Rucker, Janet Timmerman, Jason Walker, Dan Wildermuth, and Mike Zinnel.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Janet, and unanimously carried to approve the August 15 and October 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Amy hasn't sent out membership renewals yet this year.

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Lori, and unanimously carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

BUSINESS

UPDATE ON PARKS & TRAILS FALL WORKSHOP AT LAKE SHETEK STATE PARK

Mick summarized the Parks & Trails Workshop for Friends groups held at Lake Shetek State Park last fall.

DNR REPORT

Paving is done and more gravel was put on the last 2 miles on the new segment to Woodstock. Signs are up and barricades are down. Trail crossings were paved across township roads.

RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE NEW TRAIL SECTION

The proposed date for the ribbon-cutting is June 13, probably in the afternoon. Having a bike ride in conjunction with the ribbon-cutting was discussed.

TRAIL WEST OF LAKE WILSON

Chris and Amy talked about a proposal Amy and Justin Hoffmann, Murray County Parks Director, will make to the Murray County Board on January 21 requesting that the Murray County Parks Department mow the Lake Wilson trail section. A cleanup day is planned for May 2 to prepare the trail for mowing.

SIGN FOR LAKE WILSON TRAILHEAD

The sign is done and ready to be picked up in Burnsville.

2020 BONDING PACKAGE

Deb sent a letter to Representative Joe Schomacker on January 10 requesting \$900,000 in the next bonding bill to finish the trail into Woodstock and pave a parking lot.

WORKING WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

Marketing and events were discussed in general, with legislators being included in those events.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SRDC)

Jason talked about the services that the SRDC can provide. He also talked about ways that we can streamline some operations like membership and donation management, volunteer coordination, etc. And ways to better use social media were discussed.

Jason will put together a communications and marketing plan proposal on behalf of the SRDC for us to review.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Amy Rucker for Deb Nelson, Secretary