

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
August 15, 2019**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on August 15, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Members present: James Busch, Chris Ingebretsen, James Jens, Myron Koets, Lee Lokker, Mick Myers, Amy Rucker, Roseann Schauer, Dan Wildermuth, and Mike Zinnel.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

BUSINESS

REQUEST FROM MINNESOTA WEST

Amy received a letter from Minnesota West again this year offering the opportunity to provide giveaways for new students on the Pipestone campus and/or "man" a table at an orientation event. However, the deadline to accept the offer has since passed. Amy will schedule a reminder to get out ahead of this next year rather than waiting for the letter.

PARKS & TRAILS WORKSHOP FOR FRIENDS GROUPS

The Southwest Regional Workshop for Friends groups is rescheduled to October 4 at Lake Shetek State Park. Those interested in registering can do so on the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota's website.

PARKS & TRAILS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

There is a second round of youth engagement grants. It was agreed that we do not have a project at this time that would fit the criteria.

LAKE WILSON SIGN REVIEW

Sign art and copy were reviewed. Greg Preslicka plans to edit the horse image.

Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Lee, and unanimously agreed to approve the sign art and copy with the impending change.

When the sign is ready, James and Dan will erect it in Lake Wilson.

CASEY JONES CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The project connecting the trail from Pipestone to Woodstock is due to be completed August 31. Work has not yet begun. The vendor requested an extension which was not granted. The project should take 1 ½ to 2 weeks to complete once started.

Members present agreed to delay scheduling a dedication until we know for certain when the construction will be complete.

LAKE WILSON WEST UPGRADE

The DNR's resource assessment has not yet been completed. Chris noted that there is a washed-out culvert approximately 1 mile west of Lake Wilson. All agreed that this should be fixed if possible, rather than ending the walking path at that point. James will visit with Murray County's ditch inspector to find out if this is something the County should or could take care of.

GRAVEL AT THE PIPESTONE TRAILHEAD

Mick asked who put new gravel at the trailhead. Chris said that Windom DNR staff did it. Mike thanked Chris for making that happen.

SEMI PROOFING THE PIPESTONE TRAILHEAD

It was discussed that the property line could be defined with large rocks. Access wouldn't be blocked, but would be inconvenient for semis with trailers.

Chris will order a "parking for trail users only" sign. It's not enforceable, but may help nevertheless.

TRAFFIC COUNTER AT CURRIE LOOP TRAIL

Roseann said that counters were placed on the trail for 90 days. A counter by Smith Lake counted 1,400 users and a counter by Trail's Edge counted 500 users.

CURRIE LOOP TRAIL

Washouts on the trail near Currie and in the Lake Shetek State Park will be repaired with larger culverts and concrete.

NEXT SEGMENT WORK PROJECT

We need to meet with bonding bill committee members and keep the Parks & Trails Council in the loop regarding our next request to complete the trail to Woodstock. We should also get resolutions supporting our request from towns within the trail corridor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Amy Rucker for Deb Nelson, Secretary