

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
October 17, 2019**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on October 17, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Members present: Chris Hollingsworth, James Jens. Lee Lokker, Mick Myers, Amy Rucker, Janet Timmerman, Dan Wildermuth, and Mike Zinnel.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by James, 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.

How to better promote donating via AmazonSmile was discussed.

BUSINESS

OCTOBER 4 PARKS & TRAILS COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Mick and Amy summarized the October Friends Groups Workshop hosted by the Parks & Trails Council of Minnesota. Some of the ideas resulting from the workshop were:

- Pancake breakfast fundraiser
- Friends Facebook pages
- County Fair Booth (at the Murray County Fair we could partner with Friend of Lake Shetek State Park – and Janet said that the museum has old bicycles and photos that could be displayed)
- List members on the website
- Include a return envelope with membership renewal requests
- Annual newsletter be sent out with membership renewal request
- Annual meeting as a membership event and/or fundraiser. Janet has a cousin who would be a good speaker.

UPDATE OF WOODSTOCK SEGMENT

Chris Ingebretsen wasn't able to attend but emailed that the paved section of the trail should be open in a week or two. The gravel section may not be completed until next spring/summer.

VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP DAY ON LAKE WILSON SEGMENT

Chris also emailed that he's not able to fit in a clean-up day this fall. He suggested May 2 or May 9. Members present agreed that the 2nd would be better as the 9th is Mothers Day and Fishing Opener weekend. It's possible that local 4H groups can assist with the clean-up.

2020 BONDING REQUEST

Chris also emailed that he's not been able to get estimates for the bid alternatives that were omitted from the Pipestone to Woodstock trail project. He did hear from Kent Skaar that the engineering study on State Highway 30 will cost just under \$100,000.

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

Members present agreed to postpone the new member presentation. More time is needed to prepare.

RIBBON-CUTTING ON WOODSTOCK TRAIL SEGMENT

Ideas were discussed for the ribbon-cutting in 2020, including trail events such as a foot-race or bike ride.

FURTHER TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

Meetings with the Lake Wilson, Hadley, and Slayton City Councils will be planned for this winter.

GOOGLE "STREET VIEW" ON THE TRAIL

Chris Hollingsworth shared that the Pipestone Trail section is on Google Street View.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Amy Rucker for Deb Nelson, Secretary