

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
JULY 15, 2015**

The meeting of the Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on the 15th day July 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Slayton. Members present: Mick Myers, Deb Nelson, Amy Rucker, Phil Nasby, Jerry Remund, Merry Hollis, Serrina Martinez, Ron and Judy Qualley, and Dan Wildermuth. Others present: Glen Livermont, Erica Volkir and Janet Busch.

President Mick Myers called the meeting to order.

APPROVE AGENDA

Agenda stands as presented.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Amy, seconded by Jerry and unanimously carried to approve the May 20, 2105 Meeting Minutes.

TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Amy distributed the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement stating there is \$21,167.29 in the checking account with \$1,000 earmarked for benches.

BUSINESS

DNR

- Aggregate Base and Grading of Next Three Mile Segment –Woodstock – Phil stated bids received were lower than the estimate and the aggregate base and grading work could get to Woodstock. A Pre-con meeting is scheduled for tomorrow July 16th with work to start August 1st and be completed by October 1st.
- We should add \$100,000 - \$125,000 to our bonding bill request for an engineering study on Highway 30 and future land acquisition.

Land Acquisition Update (Lake Wilson)

Deb stated we are moving forward on the land acquisition in Lake Wilson. The Friends will be responsible for maintenance and annual taxes in the amount of \$18.00. Parks and Trails Council will hold title to the property and insure it under their policy. A tentative closing date has been scheduled for Friday, August 14th at 1:00 p.m. in Slayton.

Motion was made by Deb, seconded by Amy and unanimously carried to approve donating \$18.00 a year to Parks and Trails Council for annual taxes.

Trailhead Sign

Mick handed out a draft of the Kiosk sign designed by Greg Preslicka from Big Picture Murals to be located at the trailhead in Pipestone. It is 5' x 10' made of poly metal that is painted and will last quite a number of years. Some suggested changes were: a horse rider should be added, native prairie grass and wildflowers should be added, and change the color of the Calumet to look the same as rest of the buildings.

Parks and Trails Presentation – August 12th

Deb mentioned that the Friends have been invited to present to the Parks and Trails Council of Minnesota on August 12th. She said she will prepare a presentation and asked if anyone was interested in attending. The presentation can be done online too.

Deb and Mick stated they would travel to the cities and give the presentation.

Prairie Pedal Tour

The tentative Prairie Pedal Tour was distributed. The group will leave from Luverne on Wednesday, July 29th and arrive in Pipestone where they will stay overnight. Erica Volkir, Executive Director of the Pipestone Chamber of Commerce, informed the Board of the plans for their arrival in Pipestone and what is being planned for the evening. They will be greeted at the courthouse in Pipestone where cookies and water will be provided. They will then head to the Pipestone National Monument for a tour with supper to follow at the Historic Calumet Inn. Ghost tours will be provided as well to those that are interested. Erica asked if the Friends could purchase flowers for table decorations at the Calumet. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the flowers.

They will depart Thursday morning from the trailhead in Pipestone to begin the next segment to Lake Shetek. There will be a brief stop at the Iberdrola Wind Tower Company site. It was decided that the Friends could set up here and distribute water and fruit. From there they will head to Slayton for a lunch stop. Merry Hollis, Slayton Chamber of Commerce, said that lunch will be served at The Vine in Slayton. She plans on having bike racks set up on the street outside The Vine where the bikers can store their bikes while having lunch. From there, they will head to Lake Shetek State Park.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Deb Nelson
Secretary