

**FRIENDS OF THE CASEY JONES TRAIL ASSOCIATION  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017  
MINUTES**

The Friends of the Casey Jones Trail Association convened regular session on September 20, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at the Slayton Pizza Ranch. Members present: Jim Jens, Lori Gunnick, Mick Myers, Chris Hollingsworth, and Bruce Johnson. Others present: Ex-Officio Member Glen Livermont.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion was made by Hollingsworth, seconded by Gunnick and unanimously carried to approve the May 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes.

**TREASURER'S & MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Casey Jones Trail Extension**

Phil Nasby, DNR, stated the engineering required by the DNR to complete the five mile segment to Woodstock, would not be done until 2018 with bidding to follow and surfacing laid in 2019. He also commented the funds are secure.

**Lake Wilson Trail Head Sign**

It was the consensus of the Board to place the sign on the trail head in Lake Wilson so it will face trail users. Amy and Mick have photos to work from. The signs use will be to inform the bikers of community services, where the trail goes, etc. To direct users from Highway 30, the Friends will work with MnDOT to place one Casey Jones State Trail sign from each direction to call attention to the trail head.

**Drone Photos of the Trail**

Chris connected with four individual with drone experience about our project. He mentioned that Terry Thone from Luverne is an experienced drone pilot and is familiar with the FFA regulations and necessary permitting that may be required and has worked with a trail group in Luverne plus he is a trail advocate. Chris will put a Casey Jones group together to discuss our needs. We might be able to see some footage at our next meeting.

### Horse Trail

We will continue to work with DNR engineering regarding rehabilitation of the horse trail for the safety of horse traffic. Chris will follow up with the Prairie Riders Club.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Harvey Reder Property

At the annual meeting in January, Harvey Reder was present and expressed his interest in selling a piece of property he owns over by Woodstock to the DNR. The land has never been plowed. Phil Nasby went and looked at the property and reported that the DNR has no interest in purchasing this piece of property at this time.

#### 2018 Bonding Session

Bruce reported there is no official word yet from the Governor's office on the status of a 2018 bonding session.

#### Woodstock to Lake Wilson Gap

Discussion was held on how to fill the 3.5 mile gap from the Pipestone/Murray County Line east to just outside of Lake Wilson. Jim mentioned he does have contacts in this area. We will look to DNR for direction and ideas.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Pizza Ranch in Slayton.

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

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Mick Myers  
President