

MILL TOWNS TRAIL JOINT POWERS
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 7, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Galen Malecha (Rice County), Carol King (Faribault), Dave Miller (Faribault), Jon Denison (Northfield), Glen Switzer (Dundas), and Erica Zweifel (Northfield).

OTHERS PRESENT: LaNelle Olsen (Mill Towns Trail Board), Peg Prowe (Mill Towns Trail Board), Richard Larson (Faribo Sno-Go Club), Steve Hennessy (DNR), Dean Quinnell (Faribo Sno-Go Club), and Paul Peanasky (Faribault Parks & Recreation).

- 1) a) Motion was made by Malecha, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of May 5, 2010, with a correction to item 7b. Motion passed.
b) Motion was made by Malecha, seconded by Switzer to approve the agenda with the addition of other business under item 7 by Prowe. Motion passed.
- 2) a) All cities, Northfield, Faribault, and Dundas, and Rice County unanimously approved the Budget and Financial Report as presented. Motion was made by Malecha, seconded by Miller to approve budget. Motion passed.
b) A handout from Fran Windschitl, Rice County Auditor, was reviewed. King asked Fran if we could use the Fund Balance for 2011 insurance payment. King stated she wants to maintain Fund Balance of \$5,000-\$7,000. Malecha wants to keep Fund Balance of \$10,000. Switzer stated maybe could cut fees in half for 2 years. Motion was made by Switzer, seconded by Zweifel to reduce joint powers fee by 50 percent. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to Fran Windschitl regarding this change.
- 3) Construction Update: King met with Tim Murray, Faribault City Engineer, and Terry Berg, Faribault Interim City Administrator/Director of Finance, regarding the Highway 3 & 21 project and how to move forward with MnDOT. DNR should give comments by end of next week. A revised resolution with DNR for underpasses is coming. If City Council passes resolution, DNR will encumber all funds for the project. MnDOT review could take up to 4 months but still hoping to bid this year. Hennessy stated his request to the DNR is to use FRTP funds and save some funding from the '08 Bond.
- 4) Legislative Bonding Committee Update: Prowe indicated Alice Hausman allocated funds into the budget but they were cut by the governor. Alice wants to put projects on next Bonding Bill, 1st item this next year.
- 5) DNR: On Cannon Falls end, two of four landowners declined offers on Lake Billsby. We will now have to work on Plan B. As no land was purchased, \$750,000 of LCCMR funds were lost. Hennessy is optimistic with railroad and Canadian Pacific at this time. Prowe indicated the trail along Albert Lea is Canadian Pacific. Hennessey stated no, it was IC&M. Prowe stated the State is taking over 3 miles of trail between Dundas and Northfield. Hennessy will start this process.
- 6) Route Committee Update: King asked about the railroad because if Plan B is part of the Highway 76 development, we need to know soon. Switzer stated people like the loops by the Power Plant.

- 7) Other Business:
 - a) Riverside Park: The new trail piece will be presented Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at Riverside Park. Peggy Lee is being honored and there will be food, band, Girl Scouts presentation and two Farmers' Markets.
 - b) Norm Butler: Switzer gave kudos to Norm Butler for Butler Steak & Ale in Dundas and their deck that backs up to the trail to be used by people on the trail. This is exactly what we want.
 - c) Future Issue: If townships do their own Planning & Zoning, trails could be an issue.
- 8) The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 1, at 6:00 p.m. in Faribault at City Hall.
- 9) Motion was made by Switzer, seconded by Denison to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. Motion passed.