

**PRICE-TAYLOR RAIL TRAIL CORRIDOR COMMISSION
WESTBORO VFW HALL
Oct 14, 2008**

Meeting of the Price-Taylor Rail Trail Commission was called to order by Chairman Marvin Kuenne on Oct 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Westboro VFW.

Present: Marvin Kuenne, Don Albers, DuWayne Wiles, Bruce Meyer, Bob Meyer, Ron Heikkinen, John Werner. Mike Roiger, Ex-Officio Members – Brad Ruesch & Pete Bartelt.
Visitors: Donna Albers, Ed Schlosser, Mark Bergland, (Star News)

Meyer moved to accept minutes of July 22, 2008 meeting as mailed to members.
2nd by Werner.

No official treasurers report; listed balance is \$4924.00 as reported on the July 2008 Meeting.

1. Logging location settlement check in amount of \$720.00 is to have been put into the Taylor County Forestry fund. Pete to check with Norris.

Brad looked at trail on Monday of this week and reports that the bark is off the trail and trail has been back-hoed. Buehler brought in gravel. Brad saw no problem with the cleanup. Compensation was \$60.00 a cord. Brad read letter given to said trespasser setting out details.

2. An event usage form request sample was handed out. Minor change as to liability for trail damage to be included. Suggestions as how to handle such requests for usage. It was decided to play it by ear and have contact persons such as Pete, Brad, Marv & Sheriff's Dept. It was then reported that the antique tractor ride on the Trail caused no problems. No prints left on trail. 69 tractors started the ride with few breakdowns.

3. Timber Sale: Discussion on how a timber sale works. The general opinion was that at this time it is not cost effective to conduct such a sale along the trail.

One of the items mentioned is that the trail property varies in width making it more difficult. A winter cutting would be a standard county contract per Pete.
Put on hold for now.

4. Invasive plant inventory: Spread by mowing, recreational vehicles, etc. Contact with Prentice science teacher on setting up a joint pilot project to show how to deal with them based on grant money received, said grant money establishing them as a cooperative. The teacher approached Brad as to destructive plants and Brad suggested he call Kuenne. No contact. The cooperative will foot cost for inventory. Brad and Pete will check into getting inventory.

5. Private crossing request by Komarek to put in a culvert and gravel it where the end of Scott Road connects with trail; Komerek owns up to road. Motion made by Bruce Meyer and seconded by Ron Heikkinan to grant Ron Komarek permission for two years, for his use only, to cross the trail right of way to facilitate logging; any expenses to be his. No opposition; motion carried.

6. Town of Ogema Industrial Park. Town seeking permission to widen their present permanent easement by adding to culvert length and cut box elder out and possible purchase of land from the Rail-Trail on east side of trail, if there is any. Motion by Ron Heikkinan, second by Wiles as follows: "Approval to Town of Ogema's request to widen roadway". Motion carried.

Discussion on trail maintenance. Mike Roiger stated that Whittlesey Snowmobile Club does most of the winter trail work on the Taylor County part. He explained how expensive it is getting to be as club gets 50% from State and rest comes from club treasury. Mike's request is that he would like 48% of their cost returned to them from Taylor. They will be needing crusher belts, etc. Brad thinks he could run the bills through Taylor County Pine Line account.

Discussion on acquisition of the one mile north of end of Price portion of trail. "Alice" Is going to check if railroad has abandoned it and if it has been, possibly could be purchased.

A spring meeting to be held April 21, 2009, time and place to be decided.

Motion to adjourn by Heikkinan, seconded by Wiles. Motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary Don Albers

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JULY 22, 2008**

Meeting of the Price-Taylor Rail Trail Commission was called to order by Chairman Marvin Kuenne on July 22, 2008 at 7 p.m. at Westboro VFW.

Present: Marvin Kuenne, Don Albers, Dave Lemke, DuWayne Wiles, Bruce Meyer, Bob Meyer, Ron Heikkinen, Ex-Officio Members – Brad Ruesch & Pete Bartelt. Visitors: Bill Grunewald, Donna Albers, Ed Schlosser, Twn of Westboro Chairman, Dick Hintz, Westboro Sanitary District.

Minutes of October 11, 2005 read by Secretary Albers. A motion to accept by Lemke, second by Wiles.

No official treasurers report; listed balance is \$4924.00.

Albers turned in a small amount of money collected from the donation box in Medford to Bartelt to have Treasurer Noris Erickson deposit it into the account.

Westboro Sanitary District sent out letters to various entities stating that they need an easement to cross trail at Hwy 'D' for water pipe and sanitary sewer. Storm sewer also crossed rail trail and will be replaced. Asking commission for approval. Discussion held regarding the charge for easements; if charge pertains only to new easements or ones in place also.

Motion made by Kuenne and second by Wiles to give authority to Secretary and Chairman to OK and sign easement for replacement of storm sewer, sanitary sewer line and water line and to waive the fee because of pre-existing lines in the same spot. Grantees will be Town of Westboro and Westboro Sanitary District No. 1. This approval to be subject to a site plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion: Price County wants to obtain one mile extra north of Morner Road to get trail closer to Prentice. Rails are still in place.

Discussion: Ogema wants a industrial park and they need permission to widen the crossing on trail per Meyer. They are to draft a proposal and present it to Commission at next meeting.

Member Item: Ruesch brought up a request to him for using the trail for an antique tractor ride. After discussion on how to handle this request a motion was made by Lemke and second by Meyer to grant the antique tractor club the use of the trail at their own risk – one day – August 16 and that club will be liable for any damage to trail. All in favor; motion carried.

Ruesch reported on an individual depositing salvage building materials on trail property in Whittlesey.

Ruesch reported a timber trespass and improper cutting on trail property. Lengthy discussion was held on which way to proceed on said incident. Ruesch will investigate further and contact individuals responsible. No motions made.

Short discussion was held on warning signs by drop offs on trail.

Timber management discussed. Pete is to brainstorm and bring information to next meeting.

Dave Lemke made a unanimous motion to reinstall officers now serving and to install Wiles as vice-chairman. No discussion. Second by Bruce Meyer; motion carried.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 14th at 7 p.m. at place to be named.

Motion by Ron Heikkinen, second by Dave Lemke to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Secretary Don Albers