

**PRICE-TAYLOR RAIL TRAIL CORRIDOR COMMISSION
WESTBORO VFW HALL
Oct 19th, 2010**

Meeting of the Price Taylor Rail Trail Commission was called to order by Chairman Marvin Kuenne on Oct 19th, 2010 at 7 PM at Westboro VFW.

Present: Marvin Kuenne, Don Albers, DuWayne Wiles, Bruce Meyer, , Ron Heikkinen, Mike Granberg, Bob Meyer, Mike Roiger [alt] Ex-Officio Members – Brad Ruesch & Pete Bartelt. and 19 individuals that were concerned with the opening of the trail to ATV usage, sign-in list attached.

Minutes of the May 25th meeting were read and approved as read with motion by Mike Granberg and a second by Wiles. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bob Meyer and seconded by Bruce Meyer to accept the Agenda as clarified. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Bob Meyer. Beginning Balance \$6912.70, Income: \$50.00, Expenses \$2287.03, Ending Balance \$4675.67. Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Mike Granberg and seconded by Bruce Meyer. Motion carried.

A report by Scott Stahleim representing the Citizens for the Pine Line Activity was given. A meeting between the Sheriff and Scott was held discussing enforcement of trail usage. the usage of the trail and ways in which said group could be an asset to the trail were also discussed.. One topic discussed was restoring the mileage signs along the trail. Brad Ruesch also gave a brief resume' of how the Commission members were appointed.

Patty Krug, County Health Nurse appeared on how the trail can be incorporated into fighting obesity, as that is becoming a major issue. Along with her presentation she presented a booklet entitled "Taylor County Opportunities of Physical Activities", copies of which have been distributed to businesses, etc. She covered how the Trail could be utilized by non-motorized vehicles, being a great benefit to the public.

Kuenne went through the process of obtaining permits for special event use of the trail.

Annual report from State of Wisconsin, Department of Financial Institutions regarding Medford to Prentice Rail Trail Ass'n indicates that corporation status will be terminated if annual dues are not paid by December 15th. Letter of information was turned over to Citizens for the Pine Line for their action if they so desire.

There was a long discussion on the summertime ATV use of the trail. Nathen Berken, spoke as a representative of Mary Williams. He explained that the letter from Mary Treves, of the Wis DNR that any summertime ATV use of the trail would be in violation of the original grant unless a conversion to an equal trail be made. Also that the Federal NRTA program prohibits conversion from intended uses. Several others in attendance spoke for and against this subject. Albers spoke at this time and stated that after 5 years of discussion on this and 3 legal opinions against the summertime use of ATVs on the trail, that he would make the following motion " Move that the discussion on this matter be discontinued and leave it as set up by original ordinances and bylaws with no summertime use of the trail by motorized vehicles . Motion seconded by Bruce Meyer. President Kuenne called for a roll call/voice vote on this motion. Vote as follows:

Albers – Yes

Kuenne – Yes

Meyer, Bob – Yes

Granberg – No

Meyer, Bruce – Yes
Heikkinen – Yes
Wiles – Abstain
Roiger – Yes

Motion passed.

Marjory Brzeskiewicz, botanist, with the Upper Chippewa Invasive Species Cooperative appeared and stated that they have several invasive species located on the Pine Line that are on their agenda. It was noted that Bartelt and Ruesch would be good contacts for her on this project.

Discussion on Fall maintenance involving trimming and brushing the corridor right of way was held. Motion by Granberg, second by Roiger to give Ruesch authority to hire a contractor with a mower on an arm for 40 hours of work at \$65.00 per hour to do said brushing and trimming, Motion carried.

Bob Meyer reported on various banks where the Commission's checking account would bear the best interest. The motion was made by Granberg, second by Wiles, to give Bob Meyer the authority to make the decision on which institution to use. Motion carried.

A report was given on the culvert on the Brandon Mercer property. Per Ruesch the culvert in question was barred; the problem taken care of.

The next meeting of Commission will be April 19, 2011.

A motion was made by Bruce Meyer, 2nd by Heikkinen to adjourn. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Don Albers, Secretary

Sign In Sheet, Pine Line Commission Meeting - Oct 19, 2010

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization or County</u>
ABSTAIN	DOKAYNE WILES	PRICE COUNTY
	Pete Bartelt	Price Co. Forestry & Parks
yes	Ron Haikkinen	Price County
yes	BRUCE MEYER	PRICE CO.
	Marjory Brzeskiewicz	Price UpperChippewaInvasivesCoop
	Cathy Maurer	Taylor Upper Chip Inv/Friends of Pine Line
	Scott Stalheim	Taylor Co. / Friends of Pine Line
	Earl Finkler	Taylor Co / Friends of Pine Line
	Donald Watson	Madford Star News
	Linned Olson	Price Co.
	Tom Olson	Phillips - Price Co
	Nathan Berken	Mary Williams
	Russ Aszman	Taylor
	Jonny Noda	Taylor
	DAN EDEUS	PRICE
	Jim Balezewski	Price Prentice
	Mike Studinger	Taylor County
	Roman Dittrich	Taylor County
	Deed Eldred	Taylor Co.
	Patricia King	Tc Health Dept / Wellness Coalition of TC
	Jeff Premeau	Soudan Price Co ATV Club
	Melby Leopold	" "
NO	Mike Stranberg	PRICE CO
	Brod Ruesch	Taylor Co.
yes	Jack Argeri	Taylor Co
yes	Bob Murray	Taylor Co
yes	Manu Krumm	Taylor Co.
	Kaymu Albers	guest
yes	Donald Albers	Taylor Co

**PRICE-TAYLOR RAIL TRAIL CORRIDOR COMMISSION
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May 25, 2010**

Meeting of the Price Taylor Rail Trail Commission was called to order by Chairman Marvin Kuenne on May 25, 2010 at 7 PM at Westboro VFW.

Present: Marvin Kuenne, Don Albers, DuWayne Wiles, Bruce Meyer, Dave Lemke, Ron Heikkinen, Mike Granberg, Bob Meyer, Ex-Officio Members – Brad Ruesch & Pete Bartelt.
Visitors: Eric Holm, Price County Forestry and 26 individuals that were concerned with the opening of the trail to ATV usage, sign-in list attached.

The minutes of the April 20, 2010 minutes were read. The following changes were made: Correct the spelling of Graberg to Granberg and to add Jeff Peterson as the person to be contacted for beaver trapping. Motion by Wiles, 2nd by Lemke to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Bob Meyer. Beginning Balance \$6912.70. Ending Balance \$6912.70.

President Kuenne moved the ATV use of the trail up to the top of the agenda. There was an extensive discussion of converting the trail to 'all year round' ATV use. Letters from the Wis DNR and Corporation Counsel for Price County were read. The DNR Letter had the following comment. "If this trail would be converted from non-motorized spring/summer/fall use to ATV use it would be considered inconsistent with the intent of the stewardship program and a violation of the grant agreements as stated in the administrative rules of the program". The letter from the Price County Corporation Counsel, John W. Slaby stated "It is our opinion that this use cannot be permitted on the trail". The Price County ATV and the Philosophy Cafe Group made their comments both for and against the converting of the trail. After much discussion a motion was made by Wiles and 2nd by Lemke to authorize Mary Williams and Eric Holm to check on legalities of converting the trail. Motion approved.

The Central Wisconsin Tractor Club requested use of the trail on July 17 for a parade. A motion was made to allow the club to use the trail as requested by Bruce Meyer, 2nd by Granberg. Motion approved.

Encroachment of trail by Brandon Mercer. Kuenne, Bob Meyer and Albers inspected the site on May 25th and determined that there were no permanent structures on the right of way. A motion by Bob Meyer and 2nd by Bruce Meyer to accept the use of the right of way without permanent structures. Motion approved.

Beaver trapping by Jeff Peterson was reported on.

Summer maintenance: No action. Some volunteers were working on maintenance in the Taylor County

The replacement of the culvert south of Spring Road will cost \$620 for the culvert and \$1000 for labor. Wiles moved and Heikkinen 2nd to replace the culvert. Motion approved.

Bob Meyer will check on interest rate on the checking account.

Bartelt announced that Price County is considering designating the Price County portion of the trail as a county park. The resolution will be considered by the County Board on June 15th.

A motion was made by Kuenne, 2nd by Lemke to recommend Mike Roiger as an alternate member on the Commission. Motion approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th, 2010.

A motion was made by Granberg, 2nd by Meyer to adjourn. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Don Albers, Secretary

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Name	Organization or County
Earl Finkler	Taylor
Chris Finkler	"
Ron Shiffle	"
Cathy Weaver	Taylor
Stewart F. Steinko	Taylor
Paul Nye	TAYLOR
Mike Stegeman	taylor
DAN VIRNIG	Price Cty ATV ASSOC.
State Representative Mark Williams	Taylor
Mark Bersford	Star news
Jill Albers	Taylor
Debbie Matkovsky	Pit Belly Pub Taylor
James Calabrese	P.O. Box 267 Prentice W
Jim Wilks	Price, Prentice
Mickey Leopold	PRICE, PRENTICE
Jim Bruner	Price, Prentice
Ronald Johnson	Spirit Valley Riders
See Bergens	TAYLOR
Brander Mann	Taylor
Jim Onda	Taylor
Russ Aszmann	Taylor
Al Williams	Taylor
Bernard Porcok	
DAN L. EDENS	PRICE
Pepper Stalheim	Taylor
R. David Stalheim	Taylor

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization or County</u>
✓ Eric Holm	Price Co forestry
✓ BRUCE MEYER	PRICE C.O.
✓ DOWAYNE WILES	PRICE CO.
✓ Pete Bartelt	Price
✓ For Heikkinen	Price
✓ MIKE GRANBERG	PRICE
David A. Lemke	Taylor
✓ Brad Ruesch	Taylor
✓ Bob Meyer	Taylor
✓ Marvyn J. Gunn	Taylor
✓ Don Albers	Taylor

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Present: Marvin Kuenne, Don Albers, DuWayne Wiles, Bruce Meyer, Dave Lemke, Ron Heikkinen, Mike Graberg, Bob Meyer, Ex-Officio Members – Brad Ruesch & Pete Bartelt.
Visitors: Eric Holm, Price County Forestry and Donna Albers and 27 individuals that were concerned with the opening of the trail to ATV usage, sign-in list attached.

The minutes of the October 20, 2009 minutes were read, included therein the amount of \$6912.70 on account at Fidelity National Bank. Minutes approved on motion by Bob Meyer and a second by Bruce Meyer. Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

No treasurer's report was available due to the fact that Norris Erickson, current treasurer, announced his retirement from the Commission.

President Kuenne moved the ATV use of the trail up to the top of the agenda. There was an extensive discussion of converting the trail to 'all year round' ATV use. For reference to the ATV trail, the minutes of the October 2005 meeting were referred to. At that time the ATV club was instructed to submit a detailed plan. To this date, no plan has been received by any commission member. At this time numerous guests made known their opinions, both for and against said change. Said guests, and others without comments, were in attendance, a copy of sign in sheet attached hereto.

Motion made by Wiles, seconded by Lemke, to have Bartelt check with corporation counsel on legality of changing the original ordinance, and will call a special meeting once answered. Motion carried. (Note. After attorney opinion, Pete will contact Dan Virnig, president of Price County ATVs, and report on his findings).

Motion made by Dave Lemke, seconded by Mike Graberg, to give Pete Bartelt authority to contact the Price County corporation counsel, money at his discretion, to determine such legality of changing the original ordinance. Motion carried.

Per report of Bruce Meyer, Komarek road project is complete. Status of Ogema Industrial Park project is not known if finished. Bruce will contact proper authorities.

Brandon Mercer Encroachment: Prior to next meeting Kuenne, Albers, and Bob Meyer will go up to Mercer property, look over the situation and bring back their report.

Summer Trail Maintenance: O.K. For Randy Meyer to cut down poplar on trail right-of-way before they fall down on his property.

Motion made by Bob Meyer, seconded by DuWayne Wiles, for Brad to contact Jeff ____ regarding control of the beaver dam on Silver Creek. Motion carried.

Trail needs to be brushed in spots. DuWayne Wiles to contact MPS on brushing and bring report back to next meeting.

Culvert replacement on 'Blomberg' (40 feet) and North of Spring Road was discussed. Report to be brought to next meeting.

Price County North End right-of-way addition. Figures given by Alice O'Donnell are \$10,000.00 for attorney's fee and \$39,000.00 for the additional mile.

Timber Sales: Put on 'to do' list.

Donation Box at Allman Street: No money put in since last October.

Motion made by Bruce Meyer and seconded by DuWayne Wiles to replace Norris Erickson as treasurer, due to retirement, with Bob Meyer. Motion carried.

Date of next meeting will be May 25, at Westboro V.F.W.

Meeting adjourned on motion by Mike Graberg, second by DuWayne Wiles. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Don Albers, Secretary

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization or County</u>
Bill Heninger	Price
Brandon Mercier	Taylor
Richard Eilers	TAYLOR
Mike Brown	Taylor
MARK Berglund	Taylor
JEFF Albers	Taylor
MICKEY LEOPOLD	PRICE
Jeff Premeau	Price
MARK STOWELL	TAYLOR MADE ATV TAYLOR
James Salgeuschi	Price
Dan & Dawn	Price
DAN VIRNIG	PRICE CITY ATV ASSOC., PRICE CITY TOWER LEADER
JAMES HARTL	TAYLOR MADE ATV CLUB
Jason Rademacher	Taylor
Russ Aszmann	Taylor
Tommy Snyder	TAYLOR T/M KORNER BAR
Brian & Kristy Flope	Potbelly Pub & Grill
Jim Wiles	South Price County ATV
Brian Schmidt	Price Co. law enforcement
David & Elizabeth Blomberg	PRICE CO
Mark Wright	Price CO
Dale Holman	PRICE CO
Chad Seibert	Price CO
Eric Worsick	Price CO
JOHN A WOJCIK	PRICE CO.
Russell Blewett	Taylor Co - Westboro resident
Mark Jenne	Taylor Co.

