

**PRICE-TAYLOR RAIL TRAIL CORRIDOR COMMISSION
WESTBORO VFW HALL
October 9, 2012**

Meeting of the Price Taylor Rail Trail Commission was called to order by Chairman Marvin Kuenne on Oct 9, 2012 at 7 PM at Westboro VFW.

Present: Marvin Kuenne, Don Albers, DuWayne Wiles, Bruce Meyer, Buzz Meyer, Ron Heikkinen, Bob Meyer, David Lemke, Ex-Officio Members – Brad Ruesch, Eric Holm. Ron Shiffler, Scott Stalheim, Donna Albers were visitors.

The minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting were read and approved as read with motion by Bruce Meyer and a second by Dave Lemke. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Bob Meyer, treasurer, with a September balance showing of \$1975.67. Motion by Ron Heikkinen, seconded by Bruce Meyer to approve said report. Motion carried.

Brad Ruesch gave a report on the possible early opening of the rail trail for snowmobiling only. He stated that would open the route to get to Price County. Parking would be an issue, however Bob Thompson offered the use of 10 acres north of Allman Street and across from the Pine Line Trail.

The motion was made by Don Albers with a second by DuWayne Wiles to give Brad authority to open the Trail to potential snowmobilers after December 1 and also authority to shut it down. This will be on a one-year trial basis. Motion carried.

Ron Heikkinen has a resolution to authorize sale of a 35' by 54' in Chelsea area. It needs authorization from both County Boards. No action taken from us.

Commission membership. Discussion was held on Mike Granberg's situation. He is unable to make all of the meetings, but would like to continue as a member. The Commission thoughts are to give him one more chance. Ron Heikkinen will speak to him about this.

Discussion held on Kiosk and signage. Doug Beilfuss will construct a kiosk to be put at Allman Street trail head. Eric Holm will be in charge of installing a sign at north end of the trail on south side of Morner Road.

Discussion was held on annual maintenance. It was decided that land owners can cut dangerous trees or assign it to be done by another party, liability assumed by landowners. It was decided that every two years should be sufficient for deep brush cutting. A culvert and waterhole issue was brought up. Eric Holm to check into it.

Discussion held on applying for Taylor County Power Line funding to improve the condition of the trail. No motion made.

Buzz Meyer reported on the Campus Trail and how the Medford River Walk interconnects with the Pine Line.

The next meeting will be April 23, 2013 at 7 pm at Westboro V.F.W.

Motion made by Bruce Meyer, seconded by Dave Lemke, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted by Don Albers, Secretary

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The minutes of the Oct 18, 2011 meeting were read and approved as read with motion by Bob Meyer and a second by Dave Lemke. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Bob Meyer, treasurer; a check for \$100.00 was given to the Westboro VFW for using the hall for meetings, leaving a current balance of \$1975.67. Motion made by Butch Wiles and seconded by Bruce Meyer to approve report as read. Motion carried.

The question was asked if Mike Granberg is still active with the Commission; said question by Brad Ruesch. Ron Heikkinen will check into it. It was also mentioned that Pete Bartelt is now retired. Eric Holm is the new Price County Forest & Parks Administrator.

The agenda was approved as posted.

Brad Ruesch mentioned that South of Westboro there is an 18" hazardous dead elm tree hung up across the trail. Lanny and Doug Thums will take care of it for \$75.00 or so. Removal was too dangerous for County crew to remove it. Equipment was required.

There is no sign on Highway 13 indicating the Trail. The Dept. of Transportation will not give approval for such a sign unless there is parking on Morner Road Trailhead. Because of the parking problem, Price County Forest Administrator Eric Holm, is authorized to check into signage and get it done on Highway 86 in Ogema instead of Morner Road.

Discussion was held regarding easements over and under the trail system. Brad Ruesch stated he has heard nothing from Doug Thums regarding a utility easement on the house to be built on the east side of the trail. The motion was made by Ron Heikkinen and seconded by Bruce Meyer to give Taylor County Forest Administrator and Price County Forest Administrator authority to do such easements on residential requests. The fee to be \$200.00 per trenched easement and \$-0- for bored crossings. Motion carried.

A report was given regarding the sale of a small parcel of land in Village of Chelsea as noted on No. 7 of the April 17, 2012 Agenda. Brad Ruesch stated that the documents are being drafted and are to be sent to the Price and Taylor County Board Chairs.

It was reported as a member item that there is a wet area in the Westberg vicinity, north of Kermit Road and is 100 rods long. A culvert north of Spring Road is in bad shape and need of a liner. It was stated that there are other projects in Price County but little money.

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