

**Price-Taylor Rail Trail Corridor Commission**  
**Westboro VFW Hall**  
**October 22, 2019 Minutes**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting of the Price-Taylor Rail Trail Commission was called to order by President Marvin Kuenne on October 22, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westboro VFW Hall.

Commission Members present: Bruce Meyer, Marvin Kuenne, Jeff Mauch, Troy Larson, Dan Roiger, and Bob Meyer. Members excused: Gene Knoll and Jeff Hallstrand. Ex-Officio Members: Jake Walcisak and Eric Holm.

Others present: Buzz Meyer, Lanny Thums, Scott Stalheim, and Steven Thums.

Absent: Dave Lemke alt.

**2. Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting**

Motion by Bob Meyer and second by Jeff Mauch to approve minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Approve the Agenda**

Marvin Kuenne approved the agenda.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented with a beginning balance of \$14,570.48 and an ending balance of \$9,775.48. Motion by Dan Roiger and second by Bruce Meyer to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**5. Trail Condition**

- Beavers raising water along the trail in a few places.
- A culvert was replaced on a private drive to prevent water from coming over the trail. New culvert worked very well.
- There will be a work bee on the trail on October 26th. Contact Dan Roiger for information. Marvin gave the workers permission to cut trees along the 1 mile of trail that was not logged.
- Granite will be placed on the last 1 mile of trail in Taylor County by November 30th.
- Snowmobile club repaired a culvert 0.1 miles south of Pleasant Ave.

**6. Encroachment Agreements**

Three encroachment agreements have been taken care of. One is still pending. Marvin and Dan will contact the landowner one last time to sign the encroachment agreement and agree to get rid of the junk on County property. If contact fails, a letter from an attorney will be sent to the landowner.

**7. Lanny Thums Trail Crossing and Use**

Motion made by Dan Roiger and seconded by Bruce Meyer to allow Lanny to use existing roads going South from CTH D and east of the trail to access his property. Motion carried.

-A road access permit will be drawn up and recorded. Lanny will pay recording fee.

-Lanny will block off existing driveway off Business HWY 13.

-It's OK for Lanny to cut trees along access road.

## **8. Trail Crossing Use Agreements for Land Transfer**

Motion made by Jeff Mauch and seconded by Bruce Meyer to issue and record driveway permits to landowner's Aderton and Stensrud so they will be able to sell their property. Landowner's are to pay the recording fee. Motion carried. All crossing / use permits will be deed recorded in the future.

## **9. By-laws and Operational Policies**

Christina Schuld prepared a packet of information for the Commission members. Eric and Jake will get together in January to summarize the information for the next meeting.

## **10. Price County Trail Improvements / Timber Sale**

- The Forestry and Parks Committee toured the trail on June 11th. They will talk about a timber sale on the trail at their next meeting.
- Price County Forestry mowed the trail 6 times this summer.
- Price County has received verbal confirmation that they were awarded a \$19,115.00 RTA grant for gravel. They will start gravelling the trail at Morner Road and go south.

## **11. Soil Borings – Bud's Gas Station**

The soil borings showed that nothing has changed with the contamination. Testing will be discontinued, and the test wells will be removed this winter.

## **12. Land Acquisition – Morner Road to County Highway X**

Marvin attended a meeting regarding the status of the railroad south of Medford. The railroad said that the rail service will not be removed. Marvin got contact information for possible acquisition from Morner Road to CTH X. Eric will forward pictures of the current condition of the railway and the legal descriptions to the railroad contact.

## **13. Additional Items Needed to be Presented to Committee**

- Taylor County was awarded 3 grants to repair bridges #1, #2, and #3.
- The newspaper will run the ad regulating the use of horses on the trail November 7th.
- Taylor County Tourism printed 2000 Pine Line brochures.
- Bruce Meyer stated that Dick Enders wants to ride his ATV on the trail to access two landlocked forties that he owns. Consensus of the Committee was to deny Dick's request.
- Bruce Meyer announced to the Committee that his last meeting will be in April. Price County will have to find a new "at large" member.
- Marvin Kuenne stated that he will not be chairman of the Committee after the April meeting but will continue as a member.

## **14. Set Next Meeting Date**

April 21, 2020, 7:00 pm at the Westboro VFW.

## **15. Adjourn**

Motion made by Troy Larson, second by Bruce Meyer to adjourn at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Eric Holm, Price County Forestry and Parks Administrator

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Others present: Buzz Meyer, Brian Wilson, Jeff Albers, Scott Stalheim, Jeff Peterson, and Steve Thums.

Absent: Dave Lemke alt.

**2. Approve Minutes of the October 23, 2018 meeting**

Motion by Bruce Meyer and second by Troy Larson to approve minutes. Motion carried.

**3. Approve the Agenda**

Motion by Gene Knoll and second by Jeff Mauch to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented with a beginning balance of \$15,210.98 and an ending balance of \$14,570.04. Motion by Jeff Mauch and second by Bruce Meyer to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**5. Encroachment Agreements**

The encroachment agreements have been approved by Taylor County's Corporation Council and the Commission. Taylor County's Corporation Council will draft a letter to send to the landowners along with the agreement stating that they have 60 days to return the agreement. Marvin will send the agreements to the landowners. The Commission will pay the \$33.00 recording fee. One-time fee of \$250.00 for the encroachment agreements.

**6. Landowner Notification Letter**

Taylor County drafted a letter to be sent to all landowners along the trail informing them about the policy regarding encroachments and/or structures on or near the trail. There are approximately 135 landowners in Taylor and 65 in Price along the trail. Jake will send Eric the letter and landowner list for Price. The County Forest Administrators will be named on the respective Counties letters for the contact person to answer any questions. Motion by Jeff Mauch and second by Jeff Hallstrand to approve the letter. Motion carried. A draft of the letter is attached to the minutes.

**7. Badger Precision Parking Area Request**

Badger Precision has requested that they be allowed to use Pine Line property adjacent to the trail for parking lots. Jake prepared maps of the areas that are attached to the minutes. Motion by Jeff Mauch and second by Dan Roiger to allow Badger Precision's request and to prepare an encroachment agreement. Motion carried. Jake and Eric will contact Badger Precision to inform them of the Commission's decision.

#### **8. Resurfacing Update**

All the resurfacing has been completed in Taylor County except for the 1 mile of trail between the bridges. Jake estimates that the cost to resurface the last mile will be \$16,500.00. Motion by Dan Roiger second by Gene Knoll to log the mile of trail before resurfacing. Motion carried. Jake will contact loggers to get the logging done. Discussion on stumpage amount or a donation for stumpage from the logger. Jake will negotiate stumpage with logger.

#### **9. Bridge Rehab Update**

The rehab of four bridges in Taylor County has been completed. Jake applied for grants to fund the rehab of three additional bridges. Will find out in August if successful. One bridge in Price needs to be looked at for possible rehab needs. Gene Knoll reported that the bridge in Medford has been fixed and that Taylor County Tourism reimbursed the Commission for the expenses.

#### **10. Discuss Horses on Trail**

Taylor County Forestry and Marvin Kuenne have received several complaints from the public regarding horses on the trail. People have been riding the trail when it is soft, and the horse hoofs are sinking into the trail surface. Troy Larson asked if there was a horse club that could help with trail maintenance. Jake stated that there may be a higher cost to maintain the trail with the new surface. Motion made by Troy Larson second by Dan Roiger to allow horses on the trail from May 15 to November 15 and to review this policy after 12 months. Motion carried. A public notice will be run in the local newspapers for the seasonal closure of the trail.

#### **11. Marathon Run on April 27**

A Special Use Permit was issued for the use of the trail for a marathon on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The group made a \$100.00 donation to the Commission.

#### **12. Tree Planting Along Pine Line**

Marvin was asked a question about the possibility of planting red pine in spots along the trail. Consensus of the Commission was that future requests be forwarded to the County Forest Administrators.

#### **13. Whittelsey Days – July 19, 20,21**

Motion by Jeff Mauch second by Bruce Meyer allowing Marvin to issue a Special Use Permit for Whittelsey Days organizers to use the trail to shuttle people and campers to the event between M and South Street. Motion carried.

#### **14. Commission Donation to Resurfacing Project**

Motion by Gene Knoll second by Bruce Meyer to donate \$5000.00 from the Commission to Taylor County for the resurfacing project. Motion carried.

#### **15. Additional Items Needed to Be Presented to Committee**

Gene Knoll asked that if anyone has any information regarding the bylaws, please send it to him. ie. driveway permits, other operating procedures, electricity easements, utilities \$500.00, farm use permit \$75.00 for 3 years, etc.

Troy Larson reported that the parking lot is done on Morner Road. Price County will work with the DOT to get signs on Highway 13.

The Snowmobile Trail Groomer Association of Taylor County is going to mow the sides of the trail in Taylor County. They might attempt to groom the trail with an old snow groomer.

The Price County Forestry and Parks Committee is going to tour the trail on June 11<sup>th</sup> to see the improvements done by Taylor County and the condition of the trail in Price County.

Price County is applying for a resurfacing grant. Motion made by Gene Knoll second by Dan Roiger to commit \$5000.00 in matching funds for Price County's grant application. Funds to come from stumpage revenue received on Taylor County's timber sale on the Pine Line. Motion carried.

A suggestion was made to use a grader with carbide teeth to shape trail in Price County before putting down more gravel.

Gene Knoll reported that 2 businesses have moved out that were located on the Railroad south of Medford. It's a possibility that the Railroad from Medford to Spencer may be abandoned in the future.

#### **16. Set Next Meeting Date**

October 22, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Westboro VFW.

#### **17. Adjourn**

Motion made by Troy Larson, second by Bob Meyer to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by Eric Holm, Price County Forestry and Parks Administrator