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Carver County Park Commission Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

*Public Works Building
11360 Hwy 212 Cologne, MN 55322 at 7:00 p.m.*

Agenda

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to Order (7:00 p.m.)
- 2) Roll Call (7:01 p.m.)
- 3) Approval of the August 10th, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes (7:02 p.m.)
- 4) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda (7:03 p.m.)
- 5) Approval of Agenda (7:04 p.m.)
- 6) Commissioner Liaison Report (7:05 p.m.)
- 7) Open to the Public
- 8) Discussion (7:10 p.m.)
 - a. Aquatic Invasive Species Inspections at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park
- 9) New Business (7:45 p.m.)
 - a. Onan Observatory Lease Agreement
- 10) Staff Reports (7:55 p.m.)
 - a. Dakota Rail Regional trail
 - i. Dakota Rail Regional Trail
 - ii. Phase I Construction
 - iii. Phase II Planning
 - b. TH 41 Trail and Underpass
 - c. Union Pacific Railroad Acquisition Events, Activities
 - d. Southwest Regional Trail Connection
- 11) Commission Member Reports (8:00 p.m.)
- 12) Set Next Meeting Date (8:05 p.m.)
- 13) Adjourn Meeting (8:10 p.m.)

Please note if a Commission Member cannot attend the meeting, please call the Park Office at 466 – 5250.

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Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 2011 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Neil Wingert, Jerald Moja, Thomas Hermann, Cindy Dobratz, Gail VonBargen Jeff Anderson, and Commissioner Tim Lynch

Staff Present: Marty Walsh,

Public Present: Steve Gunther, Steve Jenks

CALL TO ORDER - Moja called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MINUTES - Wingert motioned to approve the July 13th, 2011 minutes. Hermann seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

AGENDA- Wingert motioned to approve the revised agenda adding a resolution of support for a grant application for Transportation Enhancement funds for the Union Pacific Railroad corridor under New Business. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- No one was in attendance that wanted to speak on items not on the agenda.

LIAISON REPORT- Lynch reported that County Board is discussing the acquisition of the Pauls Parcel. He stated that the County Road 10 bridge project is underway. The contractor is minimize disruption of trail use by working to keep the trail open during evenings and weekends and as conditions allow. Additional, acquisition of the Union Pacific Railroad Line in Chaska is proceeding.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Aquatic Invasive Species inspections

Steve Gunther from the Lake Minnewashta Preservation Association introduced Steve Jenks, from the Lotus Lake Homeowners Association. Gunther reviewed that the County Board did not take any action at its August 23rd meeting. The Board had questions concerning its authority to participate in the proposed pilot program for aquatic invasive species inspections. The Board had asked for the item to be placed on this evening's meeting of the Park Commission. He requested \$25,000 for inspection of Boats to protect Lake Minnewashta. He stated that lake shore owners are overburdened with having to provide the funding for inspections on the lake and that they can't afford to continue to provide ongoing

inspections for Zebra Mussels.

The Commission discussed possible recommendations to the County Board to help fund aquatic invasive species inspections including recommending that the Board work to influence the DNR to speed up their processes and provide a better aquatic invasive species program.

The park commission was unable to move a recommendation forward for a vote. Wingert motioned to table the agenda item until September 14, 2011 to obtain additional information. The motion was seconded by VonBargen and passed 6-0.

The DNR has set up a roundtable meeting with stakeholders on the topic of Zebra Mussels and it is scheduled for September 1, 2011. It is hoped that information from this meeting may be of use at the September meeting of the commission.

New Business

- a. Resolution of Support for the County Road 10 Regional Trail Grant Application

Walsh explained that the County intends to apply for Transportation Enhancement Funds a trail along County Road 10. The trail is shown on the County Comprehensive trail plan. The proposed segment to be funded would extend from the Dakota Rail Regional Trail to the City of Waconia Trail system south of Waconia Parkway a distance of approximately 2 miles. The project construction cost is estimated at \$882,000. The local share of \$176,000 would be programmed from Parks and Trails funds if the project is approved for the 2016 construction season.

Wingert motioned to approve the resolution of support for the County Road 10 Trail. The motion was seconded by VonBargen and passed 6-0

- b. Resolution of Support for the Extension of Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail

Walsh explained that a second Transportation Enhancement Application is also proposed for the extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail. This is the trail that would be in the Union Pacific Railroad Corridor. The proposed project would extend from Athletic Park in Chaska to the City of Carver and extend on to the levee system in Carver a distance of just over 2 miles. The project construction cost is estimated at \$689,000 and includes a bridge over Spring Creek in the City of Carver. The local share of \$138,000 would be programmed from Parks and Trails funds if the project is approved for the 2015 construction season.

VonBargen motioned to approve the resolution of support for the

extension of the Minnesota River Bluffs Regional Trail. The motion was seconded by Anderson and passed 6-0.

STAFF REPORTS-

a. Dakota Rail Regional Trail

Phase I

Walsh stated that pavement had been placed on the last segment of trail at Goose Lake Drive. The trail will be open to use during the construction of the County Road 10 Bridge project. The contractor is working on the abutments of the bridge at this time which allows the trail to remain open. The trail will close at times when necessary to install beams and other work which would be over the trail.

Phase II

Walsh reported that the bridge and trestle inspection report was received. The report contains relatively good news. The Crow River Bridge is in fair condition meaning that work to rehab the bridge for trail purposes is not expected to be cost prohibitive. The other two trestle structures are rated in poor condition. One of these structures wood supports are in need of replacement and the other has significant rot in pilings.

b. Update on the Lake Minnewashta Regional Park/TH 41 Trail and Underpass

Walsh reported that due to delays in review of plans and the State shutdown, it appears unlikely that the project would start this year.

c. Union Pacific Railroad/Extension of the Minnesota River Valley Bluffs Regional Trail

Walsh reported that a sign purchase agreement has been received from Union Pacific.

NEXT MEETING – September 14, 2011

ADJOURN - Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Hermann seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.