

## **70-Mile Trail Meeting**

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

6 PM

Long Lake Conservation Center, Palisade, MN

### **Meeting Minutes**

*In Attendance:* Tom Gustin\*, Robin Baker\*, Rick Utech\*, Len Hardy\*, Mary Broten, Bill Johnson, Stephen Aysta\*, Jon Korpi\*, Bob Moore, Brian Napstad\*, Ross Wagner\*, Paul Bailey, Galen Tveit\*, Mel Johnson, Jerry Bahls, John DeMaster, Andy Liepins, Neil Ostby, Ron Conzet, Tom Leach, Jeanne Denko, Joe Denko, Jerry Pawlah, Ann Schwartz, Nancy Karjalaht, Terry Roy Sr., Mike Heaser, Jack Koolmo, Roger Olson, Frank Turnock\*, Robert Marcum\*, Mark Jacobs\*, Maynard Ahmen, Gilbert Eigsberg, Warren Spawn\*, Kim Chapman\*\*, Katie Fernholz\*\*

\* = Committee Member \*\* - project coordinator

6:00 PM – Call to Order

Approval of 10/2/07 Meeting Minutes and Approval of Meeting Agenda  
(Motion by L. Hardy, Second M. Jacobs, Motion passed)

Review of Old Business

#### **Project Poster printing and distribution**

*Outcome of discussion:* Posters provided to committee members to post in communities. Electronic copy (pdf) of the poster will be posted at the project website. Additional posters will be developed for the Kick-Off Meetings and emailed to committee members to print and distribute.

Discussion and New Business

#### **Update on EAW process and timing**

*Outcome of discussion:* Bill Johnson from the DNR outlined the EAW process for the committee. The County Land Departments, DNR, and Applied Ecological Services (AES) will plan a meeting to identify the data needs for the EAW and other details regarding the process.

#### **Update on GIS plan and analysis**

*Outcome of discussion:* A GIS committee has been formed. The GIS Plan is posted at the project website. County Land Departments need to finalize data release and use agreements with AES.

#### **Planning for Kick-off Meetings November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting from 6-8pm at the Warba Community Center  
(Motion by S. Aysta, Second L. Hardy, Motion passed)

November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting from 6-8pm at the McGregor Community Center  
(Motion by F. Turnock, Second T.J. Gustin, Motion passed)

*Outcome of discussion:* News release related to kick-off meetings will be edited to identify additional communities along the potential trail corridor. News release will be distributed on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The GIS committee will plan to have preliminary maps at the Kick-off Meetings to illustrate trail corridor options. There will be forms to receive written comments (including pre-addressed envelopes). The agenda will include about 30 minutes of presentation time and at least an hour of time for questions. Audience members will be asked to write their questions down. Mary Broton from the DNR and representatives from the Land Departments will make presentations and County Commissioners and other committee members may also wish to make statements. All committee members will aim to attend both meetings. Brian Napstad will run the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Discussion of Trail Project Naming**

*Outcome of discussion:* Suggestion of names: “The Connector” or “Hoops Connection” (for Bill Hoops of McGregor who has helped with the project). Further discussion delayed until next meeting.

#### **Development of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet**

*Outcome of discussion:* Committee members have been and should continue to share ideas for questions with Katie. Katie will draft the document before the next Committee meeting. The goal is to have a FAQs document to share at the Kick-off Meetings.

8:20 PM Adjourn

**Next Meeting: 6 pm, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Long Lake Conservation Center**