

## **70-Mile Trail Oversight Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, November 20, 2007, 6 PM

Long Lake Conservation Center, Palisade, MN

### **Meeting Minutes**

*In Attendance:* Robert Marcum\*, Steve Aysta\*, Robin Baker\*, Warren Spawn\*, Frank Turnock\*, Mark Jacobs\*, Rick Utech\*, TJ Gustin\*, Brian Napstad\*, Len Hardy\*, Harlan Kingsley\*, Galen Tveit\*, Ross Wagner\*, Maynard Ahonen\*, Allen Askevold, Gilbert Eigsberg, Jerry Pawlak, Patrick Wussow, Bob Moore, Kim Chapman\*\*, Katie Fernholz\*\*

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

6:00 PM – Call to Order

Election of Brian Napstad as Committee Chair

(S. Aysta nominated B. Napstad, Second – M. Jacobs, Motion carried unanimously.)

Approval of 10/30/2007 Meeting Minutes

(Motion by R. Utech, Second W. Spawn, Motion passed)

Approval of Meeting Agenda

(Motion by R. Utech, Second R. Baker, accepted amendment to add agenda item to discuss per diem and mileage reimbursement for committee members, Motion passed)

Review of Old Business

Review of Actions & Decisions from previous meeting

*Outcome of discussion:* Reminder to the committee of the intention to use the FAQs document to track project information, discussions, and decisions.

Discussion and New Business

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

-report from Applied Ecological Services (AES) and County Land Depts

- meeting held 11/20/07 with Bob Moore, DNR; Mark Jacobs and

Beth Jacquain, ACLD; Steve Aysta, ICLD; and Kim Chapman, AES. Meeting agenda included discussion of the EAW process and the key impacts that will need to be evaluated, including concerns about wetlands, noise, dust, wildlife habitats, and nesting birds. Aitkin County will have the lead responsibility for writing the EAW and Itasca County will act upon the recommendations. Reminder to the Committee that the EAW is a 2-3 month process that is separate from the permitting processes that also may require several months to complete.

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

- report from AES and GIS Committee

-Mapping and data collection are moving along. AES has received data from Aitkin County but the data release agreement with Itasca County has not been completed. AES will move forward with the data that is available from the DNR.

- review of preliminary maps and gathering of input
  - Committee members and meeting attendees reviewed preliminary maps of potential trail corridors. Participants were asked to mark locations where damage due to motorized recreation is known to be occurring, destinations along the potential route, and alternative trail alignments. Participants in the project kick-off meetings on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will be asked to provide similar input to inform the planning and development of the project.

### **Final 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
- November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting from 6-8pm at the McGregor Community Center
- Posters about the meetings have been distributed to Committee members and posted around the area. Several news articles have featured the project. The agenda for the kick-off meetings will include brief presentations from the DNR, Land Depts, Dovetail and AES, questions and discussion for about 45 minutes, and time for attendees to review and provide comments on the project and the preliminary maps. Committee members will be introduced and will help facilitate discussions around the maps. The overall project map will be posted at the project website. B. Napstad will be the MC.

### **Per Diem and Mileage Reimbursement Discussion**

- Aitkin County and Itasca County to draft a resolution addressing per diem and mileage reimbursement policy for consideration by the committee (Motion R. Baker, Second W. Spawn, Motion carried)

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

- Outcome of discussion:* The document will be revised in response to Committee comments. Copies will be available at the Kick-Off Meetings and the information will be posted at the project website. The list of questions and answers will continue to be developed as new questions arise and new information is available.

### **Discussion of Trail Naming**

- Suggested names: “The Connector”, “Hoops Connection”, “Glacial Lakes Trail System” *Outcome of discussion:* Suggestions for names will continue to be gathered. The project will likely need to identify names for individual trail segments as well as a name for the overall trail system.

Public Comments Invited – no additional comments received.

8:25 PM Adjourn

**Next Meeting: 6 pm, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Long Lake Conservation Center**

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