

PECATONICA PRAIRIE TRAIL COMMISSION

Friday, June 21, 2024
Pecatonica Public Library
400 W. 11th Street
Pecatonica, Illinois
9:30 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order Meeting called to order at 9:38 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Directors Present: Tim Bragg, Alt. Delegate, Rockford Park District; Steve Ehlbeck, Delegate, Freeport Park District (Retired) Carlos Molina, Delegate, Winnebago County Highway Department, Rob Boyer, Delegate, City of Freeport.

Others Present: Rich Backeberg, Eric Moe, Mike Brien, Richard Beckeberg, Al Hanson, Russell Kaney, Carla Vassmer and Greg Vassmer.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2024

Rob Boyer moved, Carlos seconded approval of the meeting minutes from the March 15, 2024, meeting. Motion passed.

3. Presentation-

Rich Backeberg gave a presentation regarding bike repair stations. Two stations are available, and discussions are underway to confirm locations to install the devices (an installation at a downtown trailhead; another location possibly near Hoisington Road). The Commission may be asked to assist with sharing repair station installation costs. A third future location in the Village of Winnebago was also discussed. Following installation, efforts must be taken to get the word out to trail riders regarding the repair stations.

4. Treasurer's Report – (Carlos M.)

Steve Ehlbeck distributed the report which reflected a combined operational balance (General Account balance and Special Accounts balance) of \$53,701 through June 2024. The Operational Budget currently stood at \$12,519. Rob Moyer moved, Carlos Molina seconded a motion to place the Treasurer's report on file. Motion passed.

5. Special Accounts Reports

See meeting agenda item #4.

6. Legislation – (24-001) Resolution Establishing the Pecatonica Prairie Trail Commission Budget for FY 2025, 2026 & 2027

The resolution was up for Commission approval today, as discussion occurred at the March 2024 meeting. Carlos Molina moved, Rob Boyer seconded approval of the resolution. The approval was affirmed by a unanimous roll call vote.

(24-002) Resolution Establishing the Date, Time and Location of Each Meeting of Pecatonica Prairie Trail Commission Budget for FY 2025

The resolution was up for Commission approval today, as discussion occurred at the March 2024 meeting. Carlos Molina moved, Rob Boyer seconded approval of the resolution. The meeting dates are September 20th, 2024; December 13, 2024; March 21, 2025 and June 20, 2025.

7. Reports

a. Staff

Winnebago County (Carlos M.)

The Commission discussed possible interest in the advertising sign structures located along the trail. The Village of Winnebago Chamber of Commerce had expressed some interest regarding advertisement opportunities. Commissioners recalled installation of the first frame structure in Pecatonica (which disappeared within a year of installation). There was discussion regarding allowing local chambers take the lead in soliciting ads for the sign structures.

8. Old Business-

Any updates or revisions to the trail brochure should be directed to Steve Ehlbeck or Carlos Molina. The Commission is exploring printing 3-5,000 copies in the fall for distribution to trail users.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjourn / Recess

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.