

MINUTES St. Croix Bike & Ped Trails Coalition Board of Directors

Somerset Library, May 8, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER – Mark Vanasse, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at ~ 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Board members present were Susan Heuser, Pam Kaiser, Kyle Lindstrom and Mark Vanasse. Board members absent were Mark Gherty and Paul McGinnis. Others present were Ben Heuser, Janet Lindstrom and Jill Berke (after 5:05 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A **motion** (Kyle Lindstrom, Kaiser) to adopt to agenda. **Carried** with no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. Janet Lindstrom reported that the Town of St. Joseph would reapply in the 2026 round for a TAP grant to connect the Loop Trail to County V.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES – April 10, 2024 – A **motion** (Kyle Lindstrom, Kaiser) to approve the minutes as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.

REPORTS - from subcommittees and/or individuals about information gathered for the Board of Directors
Financial Report – Susan Heuser discussed the May Financial Report detailing a few donations and lots of standard bill paying for the entire period since January 1, 2024. Also, it was noted that there is currently money in two bank accounts as the switch to a new bank is completed.

Lake Mallalieu Trestle Park Committee – Susan Heuser reported that Bruce Lenzen, the private individual who owns the two former Union Pacific trestle parcels, will attend the May 28th meeting of this committee to share information from the committee’s activities and Lenzen’s actions regarding the properties to date. There are a number of major stumbling blocks for this project currently that continue to be considered.

Others that may be available – There were no other reports discussed.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. Annual Report Approval – Susan Heuser detailed the contents of the report. After discussion, a **motion** (Vanasse, Kyle Lindstrom) to approve the *2024 Annual Report for 2023* as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.
2. Whether to Rejoin Hudson Chamber of Commerce – Following discussion, a **motion** (Vanasse, Kyle Lindstrom) to rejoin the Hudson Chamber of Commerce. **Carried** with no opposition.
3. Whether to Put Lake Mallalieu Information on the Coalition Web Site – Following discussion about bringing this project more into public view than it has been to this point and the options for doing so, there was general consensus that creating a page on the Coalition web site was the most expedient and cost effective way to make information available to the general publics.
4. Goals and Objectives – The final two sections of this document, *Goal 5 Safety & Goal 6 Tourism and Economic Development Promotion*) were discussed. No changes were made to the proposals before the Board. A **motion** (Kyle Lindstrom, Kaiser) to approve St. Croix Bike & Pedestrian Trails Coalition Vision Statement. **Carried** with no opposition.
5. Communication Plan – The discussion regarding this topic led to general consensus that a separate Committee meeting should be called in the early fall to address this issue with final determination made by Board approval.
6. Membership – This item was not discussed.
7. Others – Discussion about holding a fundraiser at Oliphant Brewing concluded that September 17th was optimum date for that gathering. Vanasse will attend to the details.
8. Set next meeting date – June 12, 2024 OR August 14 or 28th, 2024 – The next Board Meeting was set for **August 14, 2024.**

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ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Kyle Lindstrom, Kaiser) to **pause** this Board Meeting. **Carried** with no opposition at approximately 5:10 p.m.

A **motion** (Vanasse, Kyle Lindstrom) to reconvene the Board meeting. **Carried** with no opposition at approximately 5:37 p.m.

The topic for discussion after the reconvening was Election of Officers for the Board of Directors for 2024 following the Annual Meeting reelection of Susan Heuser and Mark Vanasse to the seats they had held for the previous three years. A **motion** (Vanasse, Kyle Lindstrom) to approve the current slate of officers for 2024, namely Mark Vanasse, Chairperson & Treasurer; Kyle Lindstrom, Vice Chairperson; and Susan Heuser, Secretary/Information Director & Grants Coordinator. **Carried** with no opposition.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA – Communication Plan, Membership, Fund Raiser at Oliphant

ITEMS FOR NEXT COALITION AGENDA – Nothing currently.

A **motion** (Kyle Lindstrom, Kaiser) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~ 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Heuser, Secretary