

Minutes of Brice Prairie Safety Committee
Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Brice Prairie First Responders Building, W7866 Cty. Rd. ZN, Onalaska, WI

Present: Brian Tippetts, Jim Nissen, Vicki Burke, Fritz Funk, Paula Przywojski, Dave De Boer, Jerri Monti, Scott Cooper

Absent: Jolene Huiss

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Tippetts.

A motion was made by Funk, seconded by Monti to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cooper, seconded by Funk to approve minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting with the change to remove Jolene Huiss' name which was mentioned twice in attendance list. Motion passed unanimously.

Charley Handy, La Crosse County Planner, spoke about the bike/pedestrian connectors of the trail plan. He mentioned that there is an Extraterritorial Advisor Committee made up of the municipality that has extraterritorial jurisdiction, the chairperson of the town, a La Crosse County representative, and a member of the school district.

Handy suggested searching county plat records to locate owners of land who might be involved in the connecting of present trails, parks and landings on Brice Prairie. In presenting the idea to the Town of Onalaska Board Handy suggested talking in broad terms about the location of the connections. Handy mentioned that none of the 12 towns in La Crosse County support requiring developers to have a trail in developments. No county ordinance requires it. Some developers do it on their own because of the evidence that it increases the value of properties in the subdivisions.

Handy spoke about opportunities to solicit grants. He sent members some possibilities for grant applications. A comprehensive plan must be in place to apply for a grant. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has not been as helpful with participation in grant and efforts to secure finances. Some local money could be available. Look at other sources of money from local organizations who might be interested in trail. Organizations suggested were NASA and the Ho Chunk Nation.

Handy suggested giving the plan to the county for inclusion in their park and recreation plan which is the process of being updated. Ideas included in this plan have a great chance of being accepted for grants. He stressed documenting work that has been done as it could be used as an in-kind contribution in the grant preparation at the rate of at least \$40 an hour.

Handy suggested including the canoe connection, along with the new landing and the nature center as aspects which increase chance for grant.

Following the discussion with Handy the group reviewed the map with the connections. Since the plan involves landowner cooperation it was suggested that personal contact be made with the potential landowners. Control of property is necessary prior to grant application.

Assignments for next meeting were discussed. Cooper will look at size and possible cost of trail. Individuals volunteered to make an initial contact with potential landowners needed to complete trail connections. Members will begin to discuss items to be included in final report to the board.

Burke presented information on the Speed analysis being done by the Department of Transportation and La Crosse County. The recommendation from two engineers will be presented at the La Crosse County Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 at the County Administration Building at 4 p.m. Przywojski will attend the meeting.

The next committee meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Brice Prairie First Responders Building, W7866 Cty. Rd. ZN, Onalaska, WI

Motion by to adjourn by Nissen, seconded by Cooper. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Vicki Burke, Recording secretary.