

**LVRTC Meeting Minutes**  
**1/14/2009**  
**Stone Grill Restaurant**

**Members Present:**

Dave Polow, Mike Farmer, Danny Hale, Steve Larrabee, Al Spitzer, Laird MacDowell, Bethany Remmers, Mike O'Hara, Zeke Zucker

**Members Not Present:**

Red Goodman

**Others Present:**

Ken Hoepfner, Ethan Ready, Larry Donna, David Guilderdale, Bryant Watson, Jesse Hudson, Al Robertson, Todd Sumner, Pat Poulin, Jim Hill

**Public Comments:**

None

**Secretary's Report:**

December, 2008 report moved by Hale, seconded by Z. Zucker.

**Financial Report:**

Submitted by Hale, moved by O'Hara, Seconded by Farmer

**Watson's Report:**

- Reviewed "Attachment B" showing commitment-to-date of expenditures that qualify for match and in-kind service received to-date.
- Mentioned hearings coming up as part of LTF process on analysis of alternatives and discussion of resources in late January in Danville, Swanton and Morrisville on 1/21, 1/22 and 1/23 respectively, then again on March 17, 18, 19 to present 25% complete plans.
- Request for jurisdictional opinion has been completed and submitted to the District Environmental Coordinators.

**Robertson's Report:**

- Reviewed 'Plan Sheets' from VHB showing extent of work being done, wetland delineations, etc.
- Reported that he had meeting on bridge status (maintenance, replacement, etc.)
- Expressed concerns about bridge #68 – may require going into river to remove foundational structures.
- Reported that he had meeting on permitting w/ VHB – close to finishing Categorical Exclusion paperwork.
- Suggested that in some sections, the finished topping of the trail will have to be as narrow as 8ft to reduce the impermeable sta-mat for drainage purposes.
- Al to meet w/ Ethan Ready about permitting for Ready to brief Sanders.

**LAC Report (Remmers):**

- Next mtg on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Explained that LAC met and among other things agreed that law enforcement on the trail was necessary.

General discussion ensued of law enforcement, signage, curfews. No actions taken during discussion, however discussion included:

- announcement that complaint forms have been added to website.
- Larry Donna commented that he has received many complaints and has forwarded some to VAST and his superiors.

**Friends Report:**

Dave Polow: hoping to hear on Transportation Enhancement Grants for studying signage appropriateness – focused on trailheads. Also talked about working w/ communities on trailhead development. General discussion ensued – no action taken.

**SUBCOMMITTEES:**

- Law Enforcement: Hale reminded us to confirm that \$5k for enforcement is still available for sheriffs. This was confirmed.
- Communications: General discussion about need for new web-developer.
- Maintenance: Nothing To Report
- Policy & Development: subcommittee discussed showcase section and approved the idea of building it. Will discuss later in ‘New Business’ (2.2 mile showcase section that has no bridges, washouts). The section is from Hyde Park to Morrisville.

**Fundraising:**

Hoepfner report on fund-raising efforts. Report submitted under separate cover.

**New Business:**

- Bryant & Laird met w/ Senator Sanders. Sanders expressed impatience w/ slow progress of LTF process.
- Z. Zucker moved “That we endeavor to the best of our ability to create a final surface showcase trail section, circumstances allowing, from Hyde Park to Morrisville.” Moved by O’Hara, Seconded by Polow, approved unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:23 by Remmers, Seconded by Polow.

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