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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at 10:30a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Members Present: Laurie Duncan, Bob Rase, Jeff Johnson, Amanda Bohrer

Members Absent: Andy Fischer, Gary Swant, Patrick Moody, Marlene Swant,

Staff: Carl Hamming,

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Duncan called the meeting to order at 10:32am and with four members present, a quorum was established.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Member Johnson motioned to approve the meeting notes from March 20th (a special joint meeting was hosted by the City on April 22nd) and Member Rase seconded the motion. The Members approved the minutes by a vote of 4-0.

Agenda Item #3 – Old Yellowstone Trail

Mr. Hamming updated the Committee on the re-bidding of the construction package. The Commissioners will do a notice of award on Monday, May 20. The Committee discussed which alternative package they would like to recommend to the Commissioners. The Committee decided that improving the southern bridge (in the State Section 16) as the best course of action at this time. Mr. Hamming also discussed the lengthened construction period in the re-bid that will enable the contractor to complete the work by the end of 2019. The County anticipates doing the trail surface work with some reimbursement from NRDP for the labor and fuel.

Agenda Item #4 - Great American Rail Trail

Mr. Hamming briefed the Committee on the recent announcement by the Rails to Trails Conservancy that unveiled a transcontinental bike trail. The OYT is highlighted as part of the route through Montana. President Duncan discussed the goal to continue efforts south of Deer Lodge to increase the connectivity of the River and Racetrack Pond to Arrowstone Park and Deer Lodge.

Agenda Item #4 – Deer Lodge City Trails Committee

New official Committee member Amanda Bohrer volunteered to be the liaison for the County Trails Committee to collaborate with the City’s newly created Trails Committee. Member Bohrer and Mr. Hamming informed the Committee about the City’s unsuccessful application for RTP grant funds. It is anticipated that the County will take the lead with an application during the next RTP cycle.

Agenda Item #6 – Public Comments

Member Bohrer presented her grant work that will enable the County Parks and Trails groups to acquire and install six benches that will have a positive promotion on the bench. Member Bohrer displayed her favorite, pre-approved message that promotes Parenting Montana. Member Bohrer will order the benches to utilize her media grant funds and earmark the funds before her October 1, 2019, deadline. Assembly of the benches will need to be completed by the Parks and Trails groups in Deer Lodge.

Member Duncan updated the Committee about their effort to work on the Johnson Creek Connector Trail during the PCHS cleanup day.

Agenda Item # 7 – Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19.

Agenda Item # 8 – Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Laurie Duncan
Trails Sub Committee President