

**MINUTES JOINT MEETING Trail Coalition Board of Directors & Communications Committee
Town of Somerset Town Hall, 748 HWY 35, Somerset, Wisconsin - January 7, 2016, 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER - David Mandel, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE – Mandel indicated that the agenda had been posted at the Town of Somerset Town Hall and on the Coalition web site.

ROLL CALL - Board members present were Rich Baillargeon, Mark Gherty, Susan Heuser, André Johnson, Andrew Lamers, David Mandel, Mark Vanasse, and Marian Webber. Tim Witzmann was absent.

Communications Committee members present were Mark Gherty, Ben & Susan Heuser, André Johnson, Andrew Lamers and Mark Vanasse. Tim Witzmann was absent.

Also present were Pam Kaiser, City of New Richmond; Gary Knutson, Town of Richmond; Kyle & Janet Lindstrom, Town of St. Joseph; Mike and Patty Long, Town of St. Joseph; Larry Rausch, Town of Somerset; and Pat Tuma, Town of St. Joseph.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A **motion** (Johnson, Gherty) to adopt the agenda. **Carried** with no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting – December 9, 2015 – Susan Heuser noted an error in the minutes. Mandel entertained a motion. A **motion** (Johnson, Vanasse) to approve the minutes making the correction as discussed. **Carried** with no opposition.

Communications Committee Meeting – November 30, 2015 – Vanasse entertained a motion. A **motion** (Vanasse, Johnson) to approve the minutes as presented. **Carried** with no opposition.

ITEMS for discussion and/or action

1. St. Croix County's Preliminary Draft Bike & Ped Map and Comments – Before discussion began, Mandel indicated how comments and recommendations to St. Croix County would be made at the meeting.
 - a) Responses to specific questions asked – After discussion of each of the three questions St. Croix County had asked the Coalition, a response was agreed upon to forward to the county.
 - i. Other Comments that may be available - 1) Issues of Agreement, 2) Issues of Concern, 3) Questions – Discussion about a number of items related to the Preliminary Draft Bike & Ped Map occurred among attendees. Issues/comments/questions were recorded and will be sent to the county for consideration.
2. Support for the Town of St. Joseph's TAP Grant Application – Vanasse led the discussion indicating that the Town of St. Joseph will look at support from various entities after the TAP grant application is filed.
3. Meeting in a Box Presentations/Opportunities/Assignments – Already set dates for outreach by the Coalition were reviewed as were other possibilities. Various members will pursue available opportunities.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., Mandel indicated he needed to leave the meeting and asked Vanasse to finish the meeting as Chairperson.

4. Economic Impact of Trails Study Proposal – Susan Heuser indicated no information had been received from the Bike Fed about the study proposal to date.
5. Set next meeting date – Board of Directors Meeting – February 10, 2016

Communications Committee Meeting – February 1, 2016

Both meeting dates were set as indicated above.

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ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD of DIRECTORS AGENDA – *(Deferred items because of time consideration)* Stable Funding Source for Coalition, Additional Board of Directors Member, St. Croix Count Bike & Ped Plan Update Progress, Town of St. Joseph TAP Grant Application Support

ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AGENDA – Economic Impact of Trails Study, Meeting in a Box Opportunities

ITEMS FOR NEXT COALITION AGENDA – None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT – A **motion** (Marian Webber, Gherty) to adjourn. **Carried** with no opposition at ~ 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Heuiser, Secretary