

## MINUTES OF ITS TRAIL COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING - MARCH 3, 2009

Directors Present: Russ Masinelli, Nelson Grman, Larry Leone, Jarid Ott, Poonam Jain, John Fritsche  
Bill Vogt, Bryan Siegfied.

Directors excused: Paul Skeans

Directors Absent: None

Also Present: Sandra Lane

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Russell Masinelli

### Meeting Minutes

The 12-02-08 meeting minutes were reviewed. After minor corrections, Nelson Grman moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Larry Leone and passed on a voice vote.

### Treasurer's Report

Sandra Lane delivered the current financial state of the ITS Trail Committee.

Bank Balance 12/31/08	\$23,251.74
Receptits	\$ 523.00
Disbursements	\$ .00
Bank Balance 2/28/09	\$23,774.74

Motion by Poonam Jain, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson Grman to accept, motion carried by roll call vote.

### IDNR Grant

Renewal of IDNR Grant application for was submitted electronically on March 2, 2009.

### Executive Director's Report

- a. Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant survey- Grant has been approved and we received this note on 1/06/09 from Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar. *"Good, News, the county is in receipt of the \$50,000.00 grant put in the State budget last year by Senator Demuzio. We will keep in our Grant Fund until it is ready to be expended. I have reached out to Senator Demuzio and suggested that a formal announcement be made. I think it would be very appropriate to schedule a check presentation in Staunton to the ITS Trail Committee and the County Board. Let me know what your thoughts are."* ANDY
- b. Membership update – we have 65 currently paid memberships for a total of \$2,610.00 plus \$435.00 in donations.
- c. A letter was sent on Feb. 12, 2009 to Mr. C..Moorman, CEO of the Norfolk Southern Corp., Requesting that the railroad reconsider their position regarding the release of the abandoned railroad property between Staunton and Benld. We have not received a reply to the letter as yet.
- d. Promotional items inventory:
  - i. ITS Window Decal – 4
  - ii. ITS Vests - 1S/M, 1L/XL
  - iii. ITS Tee Shirts – 3 –XXL
  - iv. ITS Polo Shirts – 4 –L

## Committee Reports

### Events

- i. Illinois Traction Society will have an annual meeting at Concordia Hall in Staunton on April 25, 2009. Jarid is on this committee. Assistance may be needed for the event.
- ii. Trivia nite at Turner Hall in Mt. Olive for the Bike Trail was held on Jan. 17, 2009. Bill Vogt reported that \$523.00 was raised.

#### Fund Raising and Promotions:

1. John is still considering grocery bag promo.
2. Bike Safety clinic tentative date of August 29 2009. This will be in conjunction with the Rt. 66 Rodeo.

### Old Business:

- a. 501 c (3) status- We received a confirmation letter from the IRS dated Feb. 13, 2009 that our application for the 501 c (3) status has been approved.
- b. ITS signs along Union Street have been installed by city workers.

### New Business

#### Election of Board Members:

The following were unanimously approved elected to the board:  
Larry Leone, John Fritsche and Bryan Siegfried.

#### Election of Officers:

Motion was made by John Fritsche and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jarid Ott to retain existing officers Russ Masinelli- President, Bill Voge-Secretary, Sandy Lane-Treasurer and Jarid Ott-Executive Director. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Next meeting:** June 2, 2009

**Motion to adjourn:** motion by Jarid; seconded by Poonam. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Following the business meeting, Diane Banta, Outdoor Recreation Planner in the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program with the National Park Service gave a presentation titled "Trails across America" and covered what trails look like, how they are being used and the benefits of trails to local communities and residents. She also addressed issues pertinent to the ITS Trail project and congratulated the group on the wonderful job they have done in organizing, working within the community and conducting their business.

Approximately 20 ITS Trail members including the board attended the meeting.

*Bill Vogt-Secretary*