



Great Plains Trails Network

GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK BOARD MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Jamie G. called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

ROLL CALL: Marybell Avery, Jessica Corman, Joe Dauer, Kerry Eagan, Cathy Ebers, Eli Frank, Dave Gall, Jamie Granquist, Rachelle Hadley, Colin Keierleber, Jim Krieger, Jordan Messerer, Dale Minter, Ashley Nichols, Dena Noe, Shelby Robinson, Bryan Seck, Scott Speicher, Ray Stevens, Jr., Tedde Taege, Mary Torell, Ally Williams, Madeline Wiseman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Jamie): Approval of March minutes. Dena N. motioned for amended approval of the minutes and Mary T. seconded. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Jamie): MoPac Gap rescinded the vote because of a procedural error. So it will be re-voted in May. LPNRD is working hard to bring it to a solid compromise. As a board, if we know anyone living in Cass County, please reach out to them and ask them to call/write their commissioner to ask them to approve the hybrid route D. If you see a post about the initiative, please repost and reach out to people you know in Cass County.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Dave): (see attached reports) March was business as usual for financials. Moving forward Dave G. will share Statement of Financial Position (assets/liabilities) and the Monthly (March) and YTD Statements of Activity. May have some misclassification for LTA and Trail Trek, clarification was given. Kerry E. moved and Ray S. seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Tedde): No meeting happened this month due to technical issues. Dave G. provided many of the details they needed to complete their report. Form 990 needs to be sent in by May 19th and it is currently at our accountant. We had someone inquire about a "donor advised fund" during Give to Lincoln Day.

Fundraising (Jess): (See attached document). Gary sent out an email of resignation due to work and life changes. The fundraising committee has met to walk through a plan to cover for Gary and Jess Corman is now the interim chair. Gary's services to the board and GPTN will be sorely missed.

Public Relations (Rachelle): No report. Dale reported on the newsletter. Working on the next newsletter (Summer issue). Give2Lincoln postcard went out to our mailing list.

Trail Use and Activities Committee (Mary): Had a committee meeting last week and discussed trail advocacy—bike safety, trail clean up, etc. Chris Sonderup at Cycleworks has offered to donate 2 vouchers each week at Tour de Lincoln to use for helmets. Signage for the trails was discussed which has to be approved by Parks & Rec. PSAs potentially happening on all four radio stations at the Broadcast House for Tour de Lincoln.

Trail Trek/Lincoln Trail-A-Thon (Dena/Ashley): LTA had the first two all trails completed.

Trail Trek is coming together and have 40 more registrations compared to this time last year. There are a few more new sponsors as well—we're at \$14,500. If you want to volunteer, but can't on that day, there are opportunities other than the day of the event. Please let Mindy Diller know if you'd like to volunteer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

MoPac Alliance: (Corey): covered earlier in this meeting.

Hybrid Meetings Every Other Month (odd months) (Jamie): This means you can utilize any device you're able to log in on. May will be the first month we will be trying this which means you can attend through your electronic device or in person. You are still responsible to vote on the agenda items that require voting because you will be a part of the quorum.

Bike to Work Week the second week in May.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ray S. and seconded by Mary T. at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted—
Rachelle Hadley
Secretary