

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

CALL TO ORDER: Jamie G. called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

ROLL CALL: Paul Breitkreutz, Jess Corman, Joe Dauer, MIndy Diller, Kerry Eagan, Eli Frank, Dave Gall, Jamie Granquist, Marynelle Greene, Jim Krieger, Dale Minter, Dena Noe, Ann Ringlein, Shelby Robinson, Roy Rivera, Bryan Seck, Scott Speicher, Ray Stevens, Jr., Tedde Taege, Mary Torell, Ally Williams, Madeline Wiseman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Jamie): Approval of June minutes. There was a correction noted about the next meeting date. Ray S. moved and Kerry E. seconded. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Jamie): Spring Creek Prairie Corridor connection. Ask for a support letter for a grant to purchase another section of available land. Support letter draft was sent via email. Ann R. gave a background about the money that was committed by Lincoln Track Club. Dena N. moved and Ray S. seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Dave): (see attached reports) June was business as usual for financials. Dave G. shared the Statement of Financial Position(assets/liabilities) and the Monthly(June) and YTD Statements of Activity. Large amount of cash on hand in anticipation of paying our for Buetler Trail pledge. A motion to approve the June treasurer's report was made by Dena N. and Kerry E. seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance (Tedde): finance committee to meet in the next few weeks. Considering doing an internal audit within the finance committee

Fundraising (Jess): working on procedure for thank-yous. How to handle large (>\$1000) donors. Looking to do a quarterly schedule for fundraising reports.

Public Relations (Dale): met on July 16th. Discussed Firespring access. Discussed how to handle/publicize photos taken at events. Working on a calendar of ongoing events. Talked about pushing memberships at our events and giving out business size cards that have a QR code that goes to the membership page.

Newsletter updates: (**Dale**): tentatively to include an update on Give to Lincoln Day, Trail Trek and the sponsors, Hub & Soul and Trail clean-up. Ann R. to add a story about Run for the Pines.

Trail Use and Activities Committee (Mary): Mary commended Rachelle on taking on the clean-up roll. They recently cleaned the Billy Wolffe trail. Encouraged people to help with Hub & Soul.

Trail Trek/Lincoln Trail-A-Thon (Dena): LES raised \$800 and want to do a check presentation at Hub & Soul. 400 total riders plus 90 volunteers (*need to verify the numbers she gave out*), which was about 30 more than last year. TT gave away 3 bikes. \$21,600 in sponsorships. It will be the 25th year of TT next year. Dena N. called for a motion for \$500 for Parks & Rec and \$500 for NRD and \$150 the City of Eagle. Dena N. moved and Ray S.seconded. Motion carried.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

MoPac Gap Alliance: (**Jamie**): Jamie read a brief update from Corey. MoPac Alliance suggested a workshop this fall. NRD may complete the 2 miles east of Wabash to spend money from the Legislature. Cass country is still in limbo.

Hub & Soul: (Shelby) Shelby shared information about volunteering for Hub & Soul.

Next meeting is Monday, August 18, in-person meeting at JTSC, 7pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave G. and seconded by Kerry E. at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted— Jim Krieger Substitute Secretary