

KRTC Board Meeting

4th floor Phoenix Building, 101 East Vine Street

Present: Robin Reams, Dixie Moore, Keith Lovan (Chair), Ben Woodward, Phyllis Hasbrouck, Cindy Deitz, Steve Wyatt, Cheryl Wyatt, Bill Montgomery, Samantha Bailey), Ginny Grulke

By Conference Call: April Haight, Ben Bishop

1. Call to Order

2. Background Information was electronically sent to Board Members and distributed at the meeting. Items included here if not referenced in the minutes.

a. On February 19 2009 Bluegrass Rails to Trails is sponsoring a talk by Mayor Abramson in Winchester as part of their commitment to promoting trails and recreation in Winchester and Clark County

3. Treasurers Report. Monthly Income/Expense Report Total

Steve Wyatt, Treasurer, submitted a statement of income and expense and financial position ending January 31, 2009. Current balance in checking was 7,422.98 and balance in Money Market was 22,317.46. Steve reported that there has to be minimal activity in the money market account for it not to consider inactive. The report was accepted and approved. Phyllis Hasbrouck reviewed the checks written and the checking and money market statements and found them in agreement with the report.

Old Business:

4. Web Site Update – no report

5. Display board – April Haight has the small display, wants to use it in April and May. Tentative to be in Lexington for Bike Lexington and Horsey Hundred.

6. Corporate Sponsorships – newsletter does not have a sponsor for the coming issues. Samantha Bailey and Bill Montgomery volunteered to work on getting sponsors.

7. It was moved and seconded to have Ben Bishop on the board for another term. This was an oversight that he and Philip Meyer were not contacted to continue.

New Business:

8. Clean Up on the Brighton East Rail Trail, Lexington, KY, February 21st, Saturday at 9:00 am. Much trash on the trail after the 2/2009 ice storm. Suggestion was made to talk to neighborhood associations to talk about not putting trash on the trail.

9. Received application for booth at the July 4th Lexington Festival for a booth.

10. Transportation Cabinet has received notification that Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation proposes to abandon a segment of the former Hardin Southern Railroad which runs 7.5 miles through Calloway County. *Jeremy R. Edgeworth*, Freight and Rail Coordinator, Division of Planning, 200 Mero Street--Mail Code W5-1, Frankfort, Kentucky

40622, W-502.564.7183 , F-502.564.2865, jeremy.edgeworth2@ky.gov. Effort to be made to find local citizens who can move on creating a rail trail.

11. Keith Lovan to ask the Transportation Center at UK to look at what laws other states use that Kentucky could use to strengthen rail trails in the state. Two ideas were to have a state agency to railbank all abandonments and legislation that would dictate funding. Bill Gorton prior to the meeting suggested that the Transportation Center could do a survey of various states laws related to state railbanking. Lisa Rainey wrote in that Ted Grossardt is still the director and the main contact (he worked on the last rails project too) and John Ripy is the GIS staff who did lots of work on the last project too

A. Suggestion was made to involve the KY Recreation T rails Association in this project.

B. April Haight to research background by talking with Rep. Rocky Adkins about his 2008 House Bill 291 that addressed railtrails.

12. Cindy Deitz to follow up with KY Transportation Cabinet to update their website with rail trail information.

13. Motion was made to pay the rail banking fee for another 6 months for the Dawkins Line, \$350.00. KRTC will continue to support and encourage the Dawkins railbank. Keith Lovan to contact Susan Rieber, First Lady's Jane Behsear's secretary, to see if one of the government agencies will pick up the fee which is no cost to them at the end of this 6 months period.

14. Keith Lovan to invite Dave Tipton, the state Bike Ped coordinator, to come to the March meeting. One of the discussion topics is how trails are published and listed. Suggestion was made to pass on information about trails in state to the KY Tourism website since they do have a listing of trails.

15. Next scheduled meeting will be March 16th.