

St. Lawrence County Public and Private Lands Recreational Advisory Board Meeting
St. Lawrence County Soil & Water Conservation District Office
7:00 PM

Notes for November 18, 2008

Present: Dawn Howard, Roger Bennett, Tom Grow, Warren Irwin, Bob Dowman, Alex MacKinnon, Aaron Earl, Bill Dashnaw, Tom Ortmeyer, R B Lawrence, Stan Hewlett.

Guest: John Manson.

Unable to Attend: Steve Papsen, Deb Christy.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Roger Bennett at the SWCD office.
2. No Quorum.
3. No changes to October meeting notes.
4. Hearings and Comments. No invited speakers. Discussion was held re member attendance, By-laws, and new members.
5. Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for Old Business, Items for New Business.
6. Reports of Committees:
 - a. Executive - Roger Bennett. RB and Bill Lutz were last year's nominating committee and volunteered to do again this year. Elections in January.
 - b. Trail Oversight - Tom Ortmeyer. No report.
 - c. Mapping - Aaron Earl. No report.
 - d. Finance - Dawn Howard. Committee met before the Oct meetng. Bill Dashnaw is setting up accounts and getting familiar with the grant so we can avoid pitfalls. The question was asked about when we will get reimbursed.
 - Alex mentioned that Deb is talking about another bridge over the Raquette River.
 - Pull Lewis Co. Coordinator costs for Alex. SLC needs a coordinator. May be able to leverage funds.
 - Can buy equipment for grooming and maintenance with grant funds ie. york rake, drag, etc.
 - e. Education & Enforcement - Laura Perry. No report. Check status.
 - f. Board of Legislators - Alex MacKinnon. Question to Alex on Legislator's Ethics Comm status. Trail Coordinator was discussed.
 - g. Grant Comm - Judy Wendt. Alex talked about the grant status.
 - h. GEIS Working Group - Judy Wendt. John Manson said several meetings have been held. There was one small piece to be finished for the county wide corridor.

7. Old Business

a. Adopt a Trail. Dawn reported that Tom O. Is looking over the changed version and then it will go to the County Attorney before it goes to the Board of Legislators. Question on adopting parcel or trail. Public and Private land. Bill D. had a question on insurance and workers comp. Dawn will check on St. Law Cty ins & Lewis Co.

b. Time Sheets. Dawn reported that she had not received any changes from Judy.

8. New Business.

RB had a question on quorum. Contact folks for resignations. Do we need to change the meeting nights? By-laws say if someone misses 3 meetings, we can ask the Board of Legislators to remove them. Roger will put together an attendance chart. We will review the By-laws in January. Quorum is 1/2 of members plus one. May need to change. Require an uneven number. Alex and Tom O. volunteered to be part of a new By-law committee.

9. Announcements.

a. Roger will not be here in December. Alex will chair.

b. Appointments up in December: Deb Christy, Stan, Dawn, Dave, Sonny, Tom O. Dawn will call all and put in request to BOL for reappointments.

c. Region 6 ATV Calendar of Events 2009 was submitted to the Board. Copies are available upon request. First event is 4/11.

10. Next Meeting is 12/16 at 7:00 PM at the SWCD office.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Notes by Dawn Howard