

Monthly Meeting
Beaverhead Trails Coalition
Pioneer medical conference room
June 23, 2020

BOD members present: Joyce Connors, Treasurer; Pat Carrick, Secretary; Ed Mooney
BTC Director present: Celine Beaucamp-Stout
BTC members and guests present: Larry Skiles, Alan Weltzien, Zach Owen (Beaverhead Watershed Committee)

Convened at 5:30 pm by Celine B.;

1) Approve previous meeting minutes – May 21st

Tabled.

2) Treasurer Report

• **Joyce's report for May 2020**

Total bank accounts: \$41,525.30

Unrestricted: \$19,017.87 (General: \$18,352.87 - Kendeda: \$665)

Restricted: \$22,507.43. (incl. grant writing: \$4,765.03)

Land: \$612,734.25

Total assets: \$654,259.55

May Income: \$31,652.69 (Membership, contribution, RTP grant, sponsor an acre)

May Expense: \$1,916.64 (Office and operation supplies, payroll)

Net income: \$ 29,736.05

• **Membership count as per June 23th:**

total membership:	97	total members:	128*
Patrons:	42		
Businesses:	3		
Family:	31		
Single:	21		

**Note: a family membership counts for 2 members*

Celine sent 15 membership letters incl. a trifold annual report and envelop

3) Grant Updates

State Farm: Still waiting to hear back. National and local funding directed towards Safety. auto and roadway safety. This one was submitted late October, and we asked for \$25,000. Noble Av middle and south sections. Will communicate decisions by end of first quarter. *Still no answer.*

Cinnabar: Denied. Applied in Feb/March. Asked for \$3,000 for wildlife fencing in the HT.

AARP Liveable Communities Grant - Ed and I worked on this one and it has been submitted for Noble Ave. With showing the progress that was made this summer, it increases the likelihood of funding, being close to the end. The only hitch is the project would have to be done by Nov. of 2020. (\$40k?) Should hear by July 6th.

Patagonia: Celine and Joyce are working with Beth Sullivan to submit a retail grant request by April 30 deadline: The Dillon Outlet store reviews the retail grants they receive, and will give a response by the end of August. \$3,000
Deadline was modified (used to be 2 dates/year, now only august).

LOR: temporary report sent. Final report still not sent.

Steele Reese: Joyce and Kathleen are working on the report.

Kendeda: Phone call and report done.
He suggested to install a donation steel column. Let's look into it some more.

Union Pacific: Report due by August. Ed sent me a draft on April 27th.

BCBS Healthy Kids Healthy Families: General expenses, due May 31. Kathleen and Celine.
List of funded projects?

Ask Kathleen to keep an eye for Safe Route To School grant to repaint the crossing and add signs.
Need to talk to the city about it.

4) Cornell Park

Trees fell from the storm – DNRC cut it up with the help of the Youth Challenge Cadets, and also fell some of the other dead trees.

Dan D and Chris Edington worked on protecting saplings from beavers. Received fence specs from beaver expert – so Dan ordered some fencing and posts from Murdoch.

MOU still not signed. Draft update is needed. Costs are arising. BTC has no funding. Partnership is not finalized. Original discussion assured us that there would be no expenses to BTC. Kiwanis agreed to manage and maintain, but they have mixed record of follow-through (e.g. graffiti remained on bldg).

Appraisal was done Wednesday June 17th, is expected to be completed in a week. The deed will have to be transferred after that. Total appraisal is \$3,000. Paid by \$2,000 from Conservation district and Beaverhead Watershed Committee, and \$1,000 from BTC.

Land & water conservation funds are opening up, may be option for BTC for this purpose.

5) Noble Avenue Update

Waiting to hear from the AARP grant to finish the middle piece.

Ed mowed the grass down around the benches.

We need to install more signs to recognize the donors and stakeholders. Might be paid with LOR funds left. Ed has procured metal plaques to attach to chairs to recognize RE Miller.

6) High Trails Update

DNRC Fire Crew will be on the NW Passage trail on Thursday, June 25th. Post thank you on website and social media

Joyce and Steve Primm removed 1 ¼ mile of chicken wire from the East Side fence. It was rolled up and left on site. Joyce will go with Youth Challenge Cadets tomorrow (June 24th) to pile it up at the bottom of the hill where it is accessible by vehicles.

It was a good weeding year, involving volunteers (working on their own – great format!), BTC, and BLM. A lot of toadflax and henbane have been pulled or sprayed.

Joyce will pound in posts to hold the cairn across the NW Passage valley so the cows stop

Pat reported on our liability insurance coverage: we are covered for rattlers (natural risk inherent in land). No coverage for any injury to humans by cows. Has not yet received answer r/t injury to humans by dogs. Insurance Company contact person, Edye (571-481-8383), has been extremely responsive and helpful. Edye emphasized that signage is important.

7) Nelson Street

Ed & Dan are writing letter to City Council, but have not yet completed nor sent it, requesting that the City consider retaining an easement if they decide to abandon ownership of the City property that would allow the property-owner to purchase the land.

8) Other

Pigtail: need to talk to the city about setting up a designated parking space on city ground, with logs.

9) Next meeting

Tentatively Thursday July 16th – 5:30pm at Sheriff's annex. Adjourn