
North Shore Management Board

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 6:30 PM

Silver Bay City Hall

Silver Bay, MN

Meeting Minutes

Board Members			
Attendee	Representing	Absentees	Representing
Tracy Benson	Grand Marais	Pete Stauber	St. Louis County
Mike Hoops	Silver Creek Township	Robin Glaser	City of Two Harbors
Scott Johnson	City of Silver Bay	Jan Sivertson	Cook County
Wendy Gustofson	Duluth Township	Rich Sve	Lake County
Stephen Nazian	City of Beaver Bay		
Public			
John Bathke	Resident		
Staff			
Justin Otsea	ARDC		

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Mike Hoops. Chairman Hoops welcomed attendees and asked everyone introduce themselves.
- b. Motion to approve the agenda with was made by Scott Johnson/ Tracy Benson; passed unanimously

II. Committee Business

- a. Motion to approve July 7, 2015 minutes by Scott Johnson/ Wendy Gustofson; passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to approve ARDC staffing invoice from July 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015, by Tracy Benson/Wendy Gustofson; passed unanimously.
- c. Motion to authorize ARDC to invoice NSMB Member Entities made by Stephan Nazian/Tracy Benson; passed unanimously.

III. Project Updates

- a. Management Plan Update– Otsea prefaced the topic by saying the main goals of the night were to outline and take comment on the process of the plan update project, and additionally review and take feedback on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) list that has been assembled as a first step of weeing who's changed positions and other organizations/people we may

want to invite to the table. Otsea referenced a handout in the meeting packet that outlined a 5 meeting process (including tonight) that addresses gathering public feedback and allowing the NSMB to review the updated materials as presented. The final meeting, expected in early June of 2016, will be open to the public and highlight the changes to the plan in addition to its new online presentation, which will be the most significant improvement of the outlined update.

Discussion took place on topics for the update in addition to general feedback on the proposed scope of work, topics highlighted include: reaching out to Grand Portage and Lakewood, MnDOT, and other trail organizations in the area to be involved in the update process, combining TAC and CAC into one committee to ease the update process. Taking a look at septic situations, fresh & surface water treatment including the incorporation of rain gardens, and examining impervious surfaces were also highlighted as items to address in the plan update. The next meeting currently is set to correspond with the next NSMB meeting, at a date to be set. Hosting the meetings somewhere near the middle of the shore for better attendance was also raised and acknowledged.

IV. Other Business

- a. *Gitchi-Gami Trail Association (GGTA) Update-* Otsea notified the board that the GGTA recently held their 15th Annual Ride on August 15th, 2015 and had 130 riders come from across the state to participate. He also showcased a recently completed promotional video, including drone footage of people riding the trail. Additionally, he mentioned the GGTA will also be presenting two trail projects to the Senate Capital Investment Committee Tour of Northeast Minnesota on September 16, 2015 at Split Rock lighthouse. The two projects the GGTA is requesting the state designate funds towards are: Connecting trail from its terminus in Grand Marias to the popular Cutface State Wayside and determining trail alignment through Tofte.

- b. *North Shore Scenic Drive Update:* Otsea provided an update on the ‘North Shore Multi-Facility Design Project’, which ARDC has used as a term for the four separate wayside design projects currently ongoing in collaboration with Landscape Architect C.J. Fernandez. Copies of the preliminary designs were passed out for review, with brief discussion related to each of the proposed visions for the sites along the All-American Road. Meeting summaries and preliminary designs can be viewed by contacting Justin Otsea.

French River- A recently completed bridge study was conducted as a result of the planning process. The study was to determine if the bridge could be widened at all to accommodate future bicycle and pedestrian traffic. St. Louis County hopes to widen the bridge within the next 5 years to accommodate ADA accessibility in the area and this should be included in the plan. The plan would be for (2) 12 foot lanes with (2) 6 foot paved shoulders, with a 5 foot sidewalk on the lake side. With this plan, the whole bridge deck would be replaced and an additional arch added. The approximate cost for this is \$250,000.

Hovland Dock- As mentioned earlier, Staff is currently working to acquire grant dollars to complete a structural integrity preliminary engineering study in order to identify what the cost of restoration for the dock would be.

Palisade Head- Staff is still waiting on a historic significance report from state regarding the stone walls located on the Palisade Head site. If the walls are found to be historically significant, the designs would need to be revised.

Tofte Park/GGT Scope- No additional work has been found necessary during the planning process for each of these projects. As mentioned above, additional money for the trail connection is being lobbied for.

- c. Next meeting-The next meeting of the North Shore Management Board was scheduled for either Wednesday, January 13-20, at ARDC or Tettegouche in Duluth, MN. The NSMB requested staff to create a doodle poll to find a date/time that works for the majority of members, including St. Louis County.

V. Adjourn

- a. There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Johnson/Wendy Gustofson; passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mike Hoops, Chair

Justin Otsea, Recording Secretary