

**Recreational Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari (C), Larry Knutson, Lonnie Neuner, Hank Ludtke, Del Bergseth, Dennis Hopman

Staff Present: Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Willis Mattison

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:

- August Meeting Minutes approved; Neuner motion, Ludtke 2nd – motion carried
- November Agenda approved; Bergseth motion, Neuner 2nd – motion carried

2. Open Forum: - Willis Mattison expressed his interest in talking to the RAC at some future date about the NCT Routing process.

- Center for Rural Design Draft Proposal for Public Engagement Process for Dunton Locks - Review of Draft Proposal Phase 1 and Phase 2 Tasks. RAC discussion of work tasks. Of the six tasks listed in Phase 1 the first 4 are geared to RAC member involvement as a preparation for holding the Workshop and the last task is a follow up to the workshop. The group thought that the merit of doing a Phase 2 could be discussed as part of going through the Phase 1 tasks. Phase 1 could be used as a litmus test - once the group has done the Dunton Locks public process, then the steps that were taken in that process could be applied to other projects needing public input such as Shell Lake and Mt. View.

The Cost Estimated Costs of Phase 1 as provided totaled \$2,395. Additional costs included Meeting, Materials and Copies (\$75.00) and Travel Reimbursement Costs (\$240.00) for a total project cost of \$2710.00.

Motion: Recommend that the Board approve the expenditure of \$2,710 for Phase 1 of the work plan to begin working with the Center for Rural Design on the Public Engagement Process/Workshop for Dunton Locks. Motion made by Neuner, 2nd by Hopman; motion carried.

- Trail Routing Study – Ulteig received the contract to determine a preferred route for connecting Detroit Mt. and Mt. View with the Heartland Trail (\$10,000 in SHIP funds provided for the study). Kickoc meeting to be held on Monday.
- Greater MN Regional Parks and Trails Application Submitted – Approx. \$3.2 million being requested. Mt. View/County seeking \$324,000 for facility and trail improvements. Maintenance agreement still needs to be developed.
- Other Issues: Willis mentioned the Web based video on Public Participation and Collaboration in Outdoor Recreation and wondered if there might be an interest for some RAC members to review in conjunction with the public engagement process under discussion. Mulari and Knutson expressed their interest; staff to assist setting up meeting for December 1st (3 p.m.) site to be confirmed.
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Next meeting would focus on beginning tasks associated with the Public Engagement Process for Dunton Locks (contingent on Board passage).
- Meeting Adjourned.