

EMTI Meeting Minutes January 16, 2019

Present: Rick Hopkins, Richard Brock, David Webb, Mary Stone, Josh Ryan, Sue Chickering

Minutes : November 14th meeting approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Approximately \$12,000 in discretionary money that is readily available for use on our trails, an additional \$3000 held in reserve for emergency trail repair, and \$13000 which is dedicated to trail acquisition and is in a CD and not readily available.

Mallory Brook Update: Meeting with Chris Pratt, Sumana (from VLT) Mary Stone, and Rick Hopkins occurred on December 1st. Sumana suggested that we re-write the PUMP guidelines to make sure that when we are in a situation like this again we have protected ourselves from this kind of occurrence. Chris showed folks the bridge from downstream and it actually looked better from this distance. The arch that he is building, according to Chris will be free standing, once he adds tension cables which will help hold it all together. Chris knows someone who is a structural engineer (Nathan Phillips) who he wants to consult with about the project. He agreed to call people to see if he can find enough people who would be willing to work for pay during the week since Chris is only available to work on the weekends. Greg has volunteered to help Chris, but Chris has not reached out to him. John Mallory recommended Randy Allen who has built numerous trails in Calais.

Bobolink Trail Easement document discussion: It would be nice to have a simple form that could easily be filled out by landowners, giving written permission for people to use the trails that are on their land. Mary drafted a letter of intent which Chris signed tonight regarding the trails' continuance onto his property.

Brainstormed potential questions:

- What is your plan for labor to complete this bridge?
- In the December meeting everyone agreed Chris would contact a technical expert who could give us a rendering of the plan so we could all understand it. Where are we at in this process?
- Is one of the roadblocks getting the materials down to the site? Ideas were pursued in case...
- Mary's understanding is that there are five logs cut and ready to go, but we have no idea where these are and how accessible they are.

Chris Pratt progress report:

- Chris hasn't been able to talk with Nathan Phillips about consultation so there is still no drawing of the bridge.
- Five logs are cut and scarf jointed, ready to go together and are currently about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to the bridge. Paul Bishop and Chris hope to create a track to pull them the rest of the way to the bridge site this coming weekend. They are within about 1000 feet of the bridge, located on the southeast - Chris's house side - of the trail. They hope to have a small crew to start working at the site the following weekend.
- There is a lot of material still down there to use for the treads, fresh cedar posts that would be split in half length-wise.

- The railing will need to be very sturdy on both sides of the bridge and will take some time to craft, and the railing will also add potential strength to the bridge itself.
- If our committee is ready to commit funds, then Chris believes he could find a crew of people who could work on this. Randy Allen might be a good resource for us all. Paul Bishop is committed to this project.
- Chris plans to leave the center pier with an extension or to rebuild the center pier
- The tensioning cables are key with an arched bridge for its structural integrity.

Discussion: In order for us to commit funds we need to have a clearly outlined plan, and an outside party to assure us that it will be safe. Chris will try to contact Nathan again to get his view on this project as soon as possible and Josh asked if it would help for us to contact Chris Temple once a drawing is rendered with specifics. Chris T. has specifically said that he would not certify the safety of this bridge. We need a drawing to be able to estimate the man hours needed to produce the end product. Greg Western has also offered to help drag the logs down to the site.

Action Plan:

- Chris left a message for Nathan with his contact number - 503-867-1527 to call him back. We are all in agreement that a drawing for us to review is the first step to being able to pay people to help build this structure safely.
- If Nathan is unavailable, then Josh will get a sense from Chris Temple how much he would charge to look at a drawing and give us his professional opinion (but not a certified seal).
- Mary will call Randy Allen, and give him Chris's number to call if he would like to be involved.
- Chris has told us he will have a drawing ready for us soon.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30 pm at Richard Brock's house