

LCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2006
Anderson/Bogert Office
MINUTES

Attendance:

Dean Barnum, Jan Barnum, Jon Bogert, Keith [Sutherland](#), John Helbling, Ron McGraw. Amy Reasner, Mike Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by Jon Bogert.

Minutes: Minutes for the August 4 meeting were approved via Email.

Nominating Committee Progress Report: Mike Wilson

Mike Wilson, Diane Handler and John Wauer will be on the nominating committee. Brad Mullin has agreed to be the secretary. Jon Bogert is willing to become president but has a conflict which will not allow him to attend board meetings on the second Monday of each month. It was discussed whether to change the meeting to the third Monday. It was also discussed whether to consider changing the time of the meeting, possibly to 4 or 4:30 pm. These changes will be discussed at the full board meeting.

Comprehensive Trail Plan Status: Ron McGraw

The comprehensive plan which is basically the *Fifteen in 5 master plan* needs to be in place soon so that when funding becomes available, projects can begin. Linn County has made some changes to their plan which will be approved soon and needs to become part of the comprehensive plan. Funding sources were discussed. A local option tax may not happen as it appears the schools will not be sharing the tax that is proposed. Without a major funding source, progress will be slow. Ron will get together with government entities to work on finalizing the plan. The Regional Planning Commission has no desire to be involved in the Marion and Cedar Rapids plan. Jon Bogert will get together with Jim Healy and coordinate with Marion, Hiawatha and the other towns in Linn County.

National Trail Symposium:

The Iowa Trails Council wants LCTA to supply manpower for the booth at the symposium. A request for volunteers will be made at the board meeting. At the last board meeting members voted to pay the fee for one volunteer to attend the symposium. It was discussed whether it would be possible to split the fee between two people and possibly to pay for mileage.

Purpose of Executive Meetings, Full Board Meetings, Committee Meetings:

It was discussed whether the process is working, especially whether the Executive Board meetings are serving the purpose intended. The executive board should be making proposals and plans to be approved by the full board. A one-year plan needs to be developed for events. This would greatly help the newsletter people to get articles written. A budget needs to be established with plans for funding sources. For the full

board meetings it may be desirable to have a speaker one month and committee meetings and reports the next month. All of these ideas will be discussed at some special meetings to be held on Saturday mornings at Amy Reasner's law firm. Information about the dates will be sent by email.

Committee Reports:

Trail Planning: Ron McGraw

Linn County is moving to complete the Hoover Trail in Linn County. The trail from Iowa City to Cedar Rapids will follow the Hoover Trail plan.

Public Awareness & Support: Amy Reasner

Amy has enough volunteers for the Mayor's Bike Ride on September 4. LCTA will have a table with maps and T-shirts for sale.

Volunteer/Supporter Development: Keith Sutherland

Carol Eilers has arranged to have the newsletter printed on glossy paper, labeled and mailed for a little more money than it costs now just for the printing.

Jan and Dean Barnum, Co-Secretaries