

Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust Meeting Minutes
January 11th, 2010 - Suzanna's Restaurant, New Richmond

The January Meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 4 pm by Vice President Pete Kling.

Board members present were Pete Kling, Mike Reiter, Trish Moberg, Stu Nelson, Dan Davison, Paul Schotler and Consultants Cheryl Clemens and Aleisha Miller.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved as read.

1. Stu presented the 2010 budget with a few modifications. A motion was made and approved to accept the amended budget for the coming year. It was brought to our attention that the SAFE Program payment on the Boche property had been held up due to apparent non-compliance of the contract. This dispute has now been resolved and the 2009 SAFE payment has been deposited into our account. The Boche Property has also been reevaluated with a marked increase in evaluation. Pete will look into how best to resolve the issue of the marked increase in taxes from the Boche Property.
2. Because of lack of winter use it was decided to not provide plowing and maintenance at the South Cedar Bay Landing until public use again resumes this spring.
3. Cheryl went over the Strategic Plan implementation, mentioning that it is used to develop the agenda and keep track of the goals of the land trust.
4. The Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed. Dan handed out copies of the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust conflict of interest policy. Follow discussion it was decided to review our policy and add a signature page to our document. Our document will be reviewed annually with annual signatures and disclosures added.
5. Dan will donate a storage cabinet to house all SPLPT records and documents. Previously, Ron has offered to store this information at his office. An effort will be made to archive all our records and information in a single location. Stu and Pete will meet to gather all the SPLPT's critical documents while Dan will contact Ron and provide the storage cabinet to him.
6. A 2010 Spring Newsletter for the SPLPT will be developed. The New Years greeting card was put off for this year because of the inclusive information provided in our October mailing.
7. The gate to the McMurtrie Property off of highway M has been moved with the posts from the previous installation remaining in place. An agreement with Mick Anderson is yet to be signed concerning the stipulations on the gate.
8. The Irle property easement has been finalized. Ron had provided Mike Kelly with a copy of that easement agreement. Pete will make copies of the Irle easement to be included in the Board of Directors' files.
9. Mike Kelly and Stu have been in contact with Margaret Sankovitz concerning a 2-3 acre parcel of land located south of Highway H near Cedar Lake. She wishes to donate an easement on this property. It was decided that this acquisition was not

- consistent with our mission policy at this time. Margaret will be notified of our position.
10. Aleisha and Cheryl, with the help of Jim Reimer of the USF&WS, will update baseline documentation later this spring.
 11. The McMurtrie and Boche property habitat restoration plans will be finalized by the end of April.
 12. The educational programming and marketing portion of our Strategic Plan lists the New Richmond Service Learning Day and the Fall Osceola Middle School Outings as the scheduled events. Trish and Aleisha will look into having some of the New Richmond High School students set up a series of learning stations at the McMurtrie Preserve to accommodate elementary New Richmond Students on the NR Service Learning Day outing.
 13. Stu mentioned that there will be an upcoming bus tour of some of our properties including the McMurtrie Preserve, the Boche property and the South Cedar Bay Landing along with properties of the USF&WS and the DNR for interested individuals and selected groups. There may be a morning and afternoon tour with the bus capacity accommodating 58 passengers for each session. Community Education will handle the arrangements and sign-ups.
 14. An educational supply list was presented. This inventory is maintained at the McMurtrie Preserve. Aleisha can utilize these supplies as needed for other educational events as well.
 15. Aleisha indicated that the use of two way radios would be a welcome addition for her scheduled educational programs.
 16. Some property improvements have been scheduled earlier such as the purchase of portable restrooms and the instillation of the electric pole at McMurtrie Preserve property. It was felt that any further physical property improvements are not warranted at this time.
 17. Pete offered to set up a SPLPT “canned presentation” with talking points for use later this year. A March 31st deadline was established for this to be completed.
 18. Paul indicated that he was contacted by an individual from Somerset who had an interesting piece of property east of Somerset and was interested in looking into an easement on that property. Paul and Mike R. will meet with that individual and assess the property.
 19. A motion was made and approved for a letter of support from the SPLPT for a Squaw Lake Planning Grant Application.

With no further business the session was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted - Mike Reiter - Recorder