

**Minutes of Board of Directors Annual Meeting
LaCrosse Public Library
307 East Main Street
LaCrosse, Indiana**

Prairie Trails Club Inc.

December 15, 2021

Board Members

Diane Blais
Kathy Lucas (nonvoting)
Steve Lucas
Peg Stalbrink
Kirt Verhagen
Larry Wickert

Call to Order and Quorum

Steve Lucas, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Prairie Trails Club Inc. (“PTC”) called to order a meeting of the Board on December 15, 2021 at 5:20 p.m., CST (5:20 p.m., EST). Present were Board members Diane Blais, Steve Lucas, Peg Stalbrink, Kirt Verhagen and Larry Wickert were present, as well as Kathy Lucas, Treasurer. Steve then recognized the presence of a quorum.

Organizational and Annual Meeting for 2022

A stated purpose of the meeting was to organize for calendar year 2022. With the resignation of Bruce Fingerhut as Chair and as a Board Member effective November 16, 2021, an election was needed to fill his position on the Board and for the position of Chair. The membership on November 16 elected Larry Wickert to fill the unexpired portion of Bruce Fingerhut’s position on the Board.

Election of Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Steve expressed his willingness to serve the Board as Chair. No other person was nominated. He was then elected unanimously.

With Steve’s election as Chair, the position of Vice Chair became vacant. Peg expressed her willingness to serve the Board as Vice Chair. No other person was nominated. She was then elected unanimously.

Carolla was unanimously re-elected as Secretary of the Board.

Resolution of Congratulations for Opening of 2.1 Mile Southeast Extension of Erie Trail

Diane moved for approval of a resolution of congratulations to the membership and partners on the success in implementation of the Next Level Trails Grant from Gov. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana DNR (NLT-1-07), including fulfillment of our local match, and opening of the southeast extension of the Erie Trail on October 22, 2021. The Board greatly appreciates the dedication of our many volunteers who provided the energy and expertise required to meet the repeated and diverse challenges of this beneficial project. The Board looks forward to the continuing support of our volunteers as the Treasurer seeks to obtain financial reconciliation with the DNR for the Grant. Peg seconded the motion and it was approved.

Resolution of Support as a Priority for a Trail Extension from North Judson to LaCrosse

Larry moved for approval of a resolution of support, as a PTC priority, for a trail extension through and northwest of the Town of North Judson to Town of LaCrosse. To achieve the trail extension, the PTC should make every reasonable effort to achieve local consensus on a viable route through the Town of North Judson. The Board looks forward to a partnership among the Town of North Judson, the County of Starke, the County of LaPorte, and the Town of LaCrosse to complete an asphalt pavement that meets the grant requirements of the State of Indiana. Kirt seconded the motion and it was approved.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m., CST (6:31 p.m., EST).