

**JEFFERSON COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**320 SOUTH MAIN ST, JEFFERSON WI 53549**  
**ROOM 202**  
**September 7, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.**

Committee: Glen Borland-Chairman, Paul Babcock, Rick Kuhlman,  
Steve Nass, Augie Tietz

1. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Borland at 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee members present included: Borland, Chair, Babcock, Kuhlman, Nass, Tietz. Others present: Nehmer, Stanger, Ristow, Molinaro, Towers MacAskill, Heling, Bartz, White, McKenzie, Cannon, Martin, Harder, Gottschalk, Rouu, David, Ehlinger, Buchholz, Wiesmann.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law – In Compliance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Approved
5. Approval of August 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve the August 2, 2010 minutes. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 5-0.**

6. Public Comment - None
7. Introduction of Kevin Wiesmann, Parks Operations Supervisor

Nehmer introduced Kevin Wiesmann, the new Parks Operations Supervisor to the Parks Committee.

8. Regional Economic Collaboration for BioAg Advancement and Business Development: A Proposal for Strategic Economic Recovery in South Central Wisconsin – Kemmeter Property – Gottschalk, Heling, Towers MacAskill

Gottschalk presented a draft on projects suitable for the Jefferson County area and discussed how projects could be funded and what funding would be available from different sources. Discussion followed.

9. Discussion on USH 12 Fort Atkinson Bypass – Glacial River Trail – Connie White

Connie White, HNTB/WISDOT and Larry Bartz, WISDOT discussed plans for the Highway 12 bypass of Fort Atkinson for the projected future. Bartz noted the design elements of the trail exhibits. The proposal attempts to ensure the trail integrity remains. Bartz stated they need a formal resolution from the committee.

**Nass moved to accept both Glacial River Trail Mitigation Plans. Nass/Kuhlman Carried 5-0.**

10. DNR Stewardship Fund Award – Garman/Knowlton Trailhead Facilities

Nehmer reported The City of Waterloo has received notice of grant approval totaling about \$374,000. Jefferson County had previously committed \$25,000 from the Carol Liddle fund as our match. What do we get out of it? We potentially can resolve the issue associated with Fox Lane and the washout of the gravel on the new Knowlton St. It could be one of the plan elements to pave that road and thereby take care of the problem.

11. Discussion on Bike Path along STH 26, CTH W to USH18

Nehmer discussed the Hwy 26 Bicycle Enhancements. The bicycle community has encouraged the Parks Department to communicate with DOT their desire to have that enhancement go from Hwy W up to Hwy J, to USH 18. The WISDOT has agreed to the project. There is a mechanism where Jefferson County won't have to bare any of the costs. DOT will cover project costs. In an extremely unlikely event that costs should rise higher than what is budgeted, there are mitigation strategies such as not paving the entire way at this time; but, it shouldn't be an issue. The DOT is looking at extending a 10' asphalt trail with 2' shoulders on either side in 2011 from W to J to Hwy 18. The project must go to the County Board for their vote because a construction easement of 2.7 acres of county farmland is needed to complete the project. The project butts up immediately next to the right of way, but for construction purposes, we would need to utilize approximately 2.7 acres of land for the trail. The net loss of county farmland from Hwy W all the way to USH 18 would be approximately 2 acres.

**Motion to approve mitigation plan for the Glacial River Trail Plan from Hwy W to Hwy J to Hwy 18. Nass/Kuhlman carried 5-0.**

12. Discussion on Inter-Urban Rail Line

Tietz updated the committee on the Inter-Urban Rail Line project.

13. Discuss 2011 Budget

Nehmer updated the committee on budget discussions.

14. Discussion and possible action on Kemmeter Property building sale in relation to 2011

Budget – Ehlinger

Ehlinger recommended the committee follow the Purchasing Ordinance for Property Disposed Of, regarding the future sale of property on the Kemmeter property.

**Motion to follow the purchasing ordinance on any anticipated excess funds go back into the Carol Liddle Fund. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 5-0.**

15. Glacial Heritage Area update

Nehmer reported no meetings have been held in the last 2 months. Items have been covered in previous agenda items.

16. Staff Comments – Jane Stanger

Stanger commented on events for the Jefferson County Dog Park.

17. Correspondence

Correspondence was discussed, not comments.

18. Set Tentative Next Meeting Date/Time for: October 4, 2010, 1:00p.m. – Room 202

19. Adjourn

**Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:40p.m. Kuhlman/Nass, carried 5-0.**