

Joint Panning Retreat
Dickinson County Trails Board
Osceola County Conservation Board
Lake Park Community Center
January, 2010
8:30 a.m.

DCTB Present: Hoiem, Jones, Keizer, Niemeier, Sieh, Reed, Sackett, Taylor, Weed
OCCB Present: Akkerman, Spengler; Supervisor, Bootsma
Board Absent: Eckard
Also Present: EX. Director: Litts

Meeting conducted by Ex Director Litts.

The DCTB and the OCCB held a joint retreat for the purpose of becoming acquainted and exchanging ideas as the two Boards interact to develop the IANW Railroad Trail. Litts reviewed the payment schedule and the pending grants for the acquisition of the IANW Railroad.

Governing process options were discussed. The consensus at this time, that we will continue to work as separate entities, but remain in close contact with meetings held between the two boards as deemed necessary.

Discussion was held on the naming of the trail. Names were presented, but no formal action was taken. The names will be taken to our boards for discussion.

Both boards were in agreement that the trail will be a multi-use trail as required by the grants.

Litts distributed maps showing the complete RR Line. Litts showed the maps divided into possible trail segments showing mileage and projected costs. At this time each Board will work independently in their respective county on developing the trail in their county, but once again keeping one another informed so a consistent trail will be constructed.

Possible needs for 2010 were discussed and the counties will work together when feasible. Possible needs were signage, maintenance, and clean-up. Ron Spengler will develop a maintenance proposal and get back to DCTB for consideration.

The Joint Meeting was closed at 11:15.

The DCTB Annual Review Meeting scheduled to follow the Joint Meeting at 10:30 will be delayed until March due to lack of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlys Weed, Secretary