

September 22nd, 2020

**Mountain State Trail Alliance (MSTA) Board meeting Summary
Video Conference meeting Via Zoom (Kim Facilitated)**

Board members present:

Bill Wells
Adam Hodges
Kevin Rock
Jeff Evans
Andy Davis
John Frisby
Andy Forron
Chris Graham
Gene Kistler
Bill Hannabass
Carolyn Komar
Claire Rozdilski
Phil Waidner

NRGTA Employees: Kim Maxwell and Billy Strasser. Guests: Gary Weir

1. Bill Wells called the meeting to order (after 4:00 pm.) and welcomed everyone. We did not have a quorum (not an official meeting).

Roll Call. We had 13 voting Board members on the call.

2. Email Votes:

Added to the MSTA

- Joe Brouse was approved to represent the NRGRDA
- Corey Lilly was approved to represent the Piney Creek Water Shed but later declined to join the board.

Meetings

- The motion to have 5 Zoom meetings or other video conferencing systems per year with one annual in person meeting (meeting place TBD later by the board) was approved.

Board Changes: Sharon Cruikshank resigned from the MSTA Board and she appointed Matt Diederich to replace herself to represent the Town of Fayetteville.

3. **Treasurer's report:**

Kevin Reports:

Total Income: \$68,649.30, Grant Income: \$63,789.25, Direct Public Contributions: \$3,023.05, Program Income (dues): \$1837.00.

Total Expenses: \$92,430.44, ARC grant expenses: \$83,232.25, Coal Heritage grant expenses, \$6,687.57, Operations: \$2,092.06, Travel and meetings: \$418.56.

We have a unrestricted balance of \$10,957.43.

The grant that has extended paying Billy and Kim's Salary will run out the end of September. The Benedum Grant will allow us to keep paying Kim but not Billy. Thanks to both Kim and Billy for all the work they have done for MSTTA. Billy will return to working for the NPS next spring.

4. Grant reports:

- a. ARC implementation Grant Billy Reports:
 - Cassy Lawson tells Billy the scope of the grant is complete. The DOH is Evaluating the trestles from Glenn Jean to Carlyle next and we could have construction next year. The grant has been extended to 2022.
 - The share the roads signs requested by Fayette county is complete. Bill urges our County Commissions to submit requests for Share the Road signs. The DOH will not place signs unless requested.
- b. ARC TA Grant Kim Reports:
 - The TA Grant is now closed. The trail from Beckley to Mount Hope has a landowner that is waiting on the finalization of the 7 county Trail Authority to be formed to given approve of the trail crossing his land. Also the Summit Bechtel has approved the trail crossing their land.
- c. We have not spent any of the money from the Benedum Grant.
- d. The WV Land Trust is applying for grants to build a MTB trail from the Sewage plant to the Soccer Complex.

7. Trail Authority Steering Committee Bill:

The Trail Authority Steering Committee has been having monthly Zoom Meetings. They have approved bylaws to be submitted to the County Commissions for approval. The counties will be responsible for trail maintenance. Bill has sent out a Excel file with all the trails listed in the each county. Check to make sure the list is accurate.

- 8. Old Business:** There was much discussion about not having a quorum in our meetings. Since we do not have a quorum we are able to take votes on business being discussed.
- 9. New Business:** The group decided to have an organizational development workshop via Zoom in the near future. Kim will coordinate and Nathan Hilbert (RTCA, NPS) will facilitate. Date and time TBD.

Next Zoom Meeting will be in November.

Submitted by:

Jeff Evans Secretary