

Minutes of the Meeting: September 5, 2024

Board members present: Brian Wetcher, JoAnn York-Gilmore, Tabb Stringer, Nathan Schwarck, Kit Gerwels

Staff present: Bob Vaux, Jamie Burroughs, Darby Jordan

Meeting held in person and via Zoom and called to order at 6:01PM

Minutes: August minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

None

Friends of the Forest Update-Wetlands Monitoring Update:

Ellie was in attendance and reported on Wetlands monitoring that they have been conducting for the past couple of years. Please see her attached report. Discussion was had about the need for more volunteers which would allow for more testing sites. Further questions and discussion was had about what equipment is used, budget for different equipment, and what additional types of testing could be had with additional help.

Katie reminded everyone that the benefit gala is on September 28th. The last weekend of the Trail Ambassador program was Labor Day weekend. Their numbers and reports will be presented at a future meeting.

Staff Reports:

Bob reported that staff made it through the end of the summer season! The seasonals did an amazing job trimming all 50 miles of trail.

There are beaver back at Whistle Lake. Staff have gotten the permitting to remove the beaver dam and keep the water moving through the system.

Bob shared that the DOE study is getting closer to finishing on the Whistle Lake dam and will have the subcontractors out within a few weeks to come up with a plan.

Bob also reviewed the Forest Plan timeline of the intention of having a draft to present to the Board at the December meeting with an approved draft from the Board by May. The October meeting will include the e-bike study and findings from Asa and Steve.

Parks Commission Report:

JoAnn reported on the Parks Board meeting, sharing that the most up to date information is in the packet. The last Park Board meeting involved a discussion on the small courts area at Storvik and what the community would like to see. The proponents of sand volleyball are requesting to have two courts in that area.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn at 7:13pm

Respectfully Submitted by Darby Jordan