

Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

October 22, 2014 -10:00 am – 3:00 pm
City Hall – Sartell MN, 125 Pinecone Road North

AGENDA

1. Call to order - Chair
2. Approve minutes of July 23, 2014 Meeting
3. Approve the agenda
4. Acknowledge Members of the Public in Attendance
5. Unfinished Business:
 - 5.1 – 2015 Legislation/Budget Update - Al and Rita
6. New Business:
 - 6.1 - Project Proposals Evaluation Team Report – JFC Strategic Services
(review attached spreadsheets)
 - 6.2 – Commission Appointments Update (attachment)
<http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=5>.

Lunch - (*½ hour is allocated for this break; submit expense vouchers upon reconvening*)

6. New Business (continued):
 - 6.3 - Definition of Regional Park and Regional Trail (discussion)
MN Stat 473.121

“Regional recreation open space” means land and water areas, or interests therein, and facilities determined by the Metropolitan Council to be of regional importance in providing for a balanced system of public outdoor recreation for the metropolitan area, including but not limited to park reserves, major linear parks and trails, large recreation parks, and conservatories, zoos, and other special use facilities.

MN Stat 85.50

For purposes of sections 85.50 to 85.52, " central Minnesota regional parks and trails plan" or "plan" means a recreational park and trail plan in the counties of Stearns, Benton, and Sherburne that includes, at a minimum, existing regionally significant parks and trails that are identified in the plan under a local unit of government jurisdiction and includes newly developed parks and trails or trail connections to communities, parks, or public open space.

What does “Regional” mean to us?

6.4 – Connect People and the Outdoors (discussion)

(1 of the 4 Strategic Directions in the 25-Year Plan)

‘Connecting people to the outdoors are projects that are non-capital items that attract new users and retain existing users.’ (Legacy Advisory Committee)

Met Council will require agencies to spend a portion of the Legacy Allotment on Connecting People and the Outdoors. DNR historically has used about 13% on this Strategic Direction. Greater Minnesota grants have not been used on this Direction so far. We should talk about it

8. Consent Agenda

9. Items from members

10. Next meeting & agenda