

Minutes
Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee Special Meeting
May 29, 2025

In attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Jim Deshler, Mark Martin, Emily Hoffman (5:30 -6:45), Janette Shaffer, Susan McDowell and Greg Rouleau

1. Call to Order: 5:36 pm.

2. Adjustments to Agenda: Motion- Skip Communication Agreement and Mission Statement reading and approve March Meeting Minutes at the July Meeting. All in favor.

3. Agenda Items:

Communication Agreement & Mission: Not read as a time saving measure.

Approval of Minutes: March and May Meeting Minutes will be approved at July's Meeting.

ERSA Grant:

Draft Trail Assessment - Comments and Recommendations:

Minor corrections/requests were noted. The location of wayfinding signs on the map were discussed. All locations depicted on the map were approved except for the Sheridan Street location. The proposed location is likely to promote this area as a parking access. Out of respect for the adjacent landowners the Committee requests this sign, which will eventually be a secondary kiosk, be installed where Ridgeline intersects with the City right of way (ROW) between Quinlan and Sheridan. Smaller signs can be posted on the existing 4X4 posts at the Quinlan and Sheridan entrances to the ROW.

The RFP required 3 unique way finding signs with a "You Are Here" icon. There are 5 identified on the Trail Map. The RFP required a minimum of 8 unique trail signs. Twenty signs were required to properly mark the trail network. Chris will reach out to Zac to see if additional funds are needed to cover the expense of additional signs.

Several recommendations for the trail map improvements were provided by Committee members.

Janette will consolidate all Committee requests/recommendations/corrections for Zac.

Unfinished Trail Projects: Jim will identify a date for the Committee to finish the C8, M2-2 and S2 ERSA trail projects.

Grant Balance: The City has not finalized the Public Works Departments request for reimbursement. The Committee would like to utilize remaining funds for outstanding projects. Possible projects include trail work on M3. This work was identified as a project that would be completed in the ERSA Grant application and inadvertently was not included in the RFP. Installation of secondary kiosks at the Sheridan/Quinlan and Johnson Trail accesses, and the purchase of additional trail signs. Jim will continue to reach out to Janet Shatney to obtain the ERSA Grant balance. Chris noted that Zac Freeman (ApexTrail Work) has availability when he installs the trail signs to complete M3 trail work. He has provided quotes for the M3 work and secondary kiosks. Jim will continue to request from Janet Shatney the balance of the remaining funds in the \$50,600 ERSA Grant budget.

Trail Access Update: Mark Martin was able to obtain a Barre City approved signed Landowner Agreement that allows the inclusion of the Ridgeline Trail on new trail maps and continued use of a very important property access trail (Ridgeline). The Agreement needs to be renewed every three years.

Trail Name Sign: Zac recommended additional arrow to guide walkers. Although the Committee agreed that these may be beneficial the Committee decided to hold off on installation. Zac's request to allow some of the 20 trail signs to be mounted on trees was discussed. Motion (Jim): Allow mounting of some of the signs using best management practices. In Favor: Chris, Mark, Greg, Emily, Janette. Opposed: Susan. Motion passes

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Susan @ 7:13. Seconded Mark. All in favor. Motion passes