



RTAC Meeting Summary

October 13, 2016
 Beaver Bay City Hall
 Beaver Bay, MN

Attendees:

John McDonald	MnDOT- District 1
John Minor	District 1 State Aid
Rex Bordson	District 1 State Aid
Robert Ege	D1 Project Support
Scott Johnson	D1 Project Support
Bryan Anderson	MnDOT
John Welle	Aitkin County
Brian Boder	St. Louis County
Kristin Wharton	CCLSL & AIK Community Health Board;
Krysten Foster	Lake County
Karin Grandia	Itasca County
Mike Battus	Itasca Co. Township Association
Cindy Voigt	City of Duluth
David Betts	Cook County
Frank Moe	Cook County Board
Bill Bennett	Chamber of Commerce
Bob Manzoline	St. Louis and Lake Co. Rail Authority
Carrie McHugh	Cook Co. Historical Society
Chase Dewhirst	AMI Consulting Engineer
Michelle Pierson	ARDC
Charlie Moore	ARDC
Russell Habermann	ARDC
Jarrett Valdez	ARDC
Justin Otsea	ARDC
Andy Hubley	ARDC
*Others may have been present but did not sign in	

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Meeting called to order by Krysten Foster, Chair at 10:04am
- b. Introductions

2. Committee Business

- a. Call for approval of the meeting agenda. Motion to approve by Bill Bennett/David Betts; passed unanimously.
- b. Call for approval of the meeting summary from June 23, 2016. Motion to approve by John Welle/Karin Grandia; passed unanimously.



- c. RTAC Elections for new Vice-Chair. Bill Bennett nominated and accepted nomination. Motion to approve Bill Bennett as new Vice Chair by Bob Manzoline/Krysten Foster; carries unanimously.

3. MnDOT Program Updates

- a. John McDonald distributed a handout of 2016 Local Projects and gave project updates.
- b. 2017 Local Projects handout was distributed and projects discussed.
- c. Robert Ege distributed a handout with 2017 projects. An in-depth conversation ensued regarding the presence of sulfide rock and what current best practices for mitigation involve.

4. Hovland Dock Inspection Report-AMI Consulting Engineers

- a. Justin Otsea, ARDC and North Shore Scenic Drive Council Executive Director, introduced Chase Dewhirst, engineer from AMI Consulting to present about the findings from the Hovland Dock Integrity Study evaluation and dives. Cook Co. Commissioner Frank Moe, and Cook County Historical Society's Carrie McHugh provided some insight into the historical uniqueness of the site.
- b. Findings suggest several mitigation options to repair erosion to the concrete pillars.
- c. Link to presentation:
<http://www.nemnatp.org/RTAC/Hovland%20Dock%20Repair%20Inspection.pdf>

5. Lake County Mountain Bike Trails-ARDC

- a. Russell Habermann, ARDC presented information about the recent Master Plan development process for a multi-area mountain bike trail system on county lands in Lake County. Presentation included background on mountain biking in NE MN, economic impact, feasibility, community and stakeholder response, the public input process, and Master Plan document components. Learn more at: www.arrowheadplanning.org/mtblakecounty.

6. Gitchi-Gami State Trail -ARDC

- a. Charlie Moore, ARDC GIS Specialist, presented the 2016 Gitchi-Gami State Plan Update & Scoping Document and correlating interactive map tour.
- b. Michelle Pierson, ARDC, serves as Executive Director of the Gitchi-Gami Trail Association. Pierson presented background about the small non-profit, it's recent accomplishments and planning processes, trail construction updates and efforts the Association is making to engage people to use the trail, support the trail's completion, promote the trail's maintenance, connections with USBR41 and more. Pierson invited meeting attendees to find more information on the Association's website at: www.ggta.org.



7. Current and Upcoming Transportation Projects –ARDC, Others

- a. Jarrett Valdez, ARDC, provided a list of current project updates.
- b. Valdez reminded meeting attendees that the Transportation Alternatives LOI are due at the end of October.

8. Other Business

- a. November 16th ATP Meeting to be held in Hermantown.
- b. February RTAC Meeting location recommendations/agenda topics.
- c. Michelle Pierson led a walking tour to the Beaver Bay Trailhead/Wayside facility following the meeting.

9. Meeting Adjourned

- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:58am