

## **Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 3-3-25 Meeting Minutes March 3, 2025**

### **Monthly Meeting March 3, 2025**

#### **Call to Order**

The March Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:00 pm on March 3, 2025 by President Ron Rich in the Community Room of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

#### **Present**

Ron Rich, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Jessie Anderson, Nolan Robinson, Bob Hess, Kevin Gilrain, Michael Susi,

#### **Absent**

Bill Schneider

### **Review Annual and January 6, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Jessie moved and Deb seconded to approve: Passed

### **Treasurer and Budget Status Reports**

Deb gave treasurer's report through **January 31, 2025**

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$29,304.61

Revenue: (\$873.44--- less \$2858.28 reimbursement to Rotary/Okttoberfest)

Expenses: \$3,281.33

Closing Balance: \$25,040.46 Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 55683.98

Treasurer's Report through **February 28, 2025**

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$25,040.46

Revenue: \$684.77

Expenses: \$1,263.41

Closing Balance: \$24,352.05 Total with CD, Reserves: \$55,105.34

Deb notes that its time to do Annual Audit, State and Federal filings. She reports the Greenway Grant application now has a more simplified request and we can likely build the \$12,500 into the budget.

Ron will send narrative to Greenway.

There was a discussion of website hosting. Jessie explained it includes an hour monthly for support.

Some felt it might be more user friendly. Kevin would like more data feedback. Jessie will follow up.

Kevin moved to approve both months' reports and Nolan seconded: Passed.

### **Membership Report**

Nolan reported that automatic membership renewals generated \$1330; 28 renewals, 8 new generating \$2350.

Newsletter is ready to mail this month. There will be a letter from the President and renewal reminder with a vintage postcard confirmation for memberships.

### **Training and Maintenance Committee Report**

Kevin reported doing a trail check and finding no damage.

Kevin will go forward with equipment—chargers, brush cutters—as they are already approved in the budget. He mentioned Eco has a promo and discounts now.

Suggestion to recruit new volunteers at the first Kinderhook Farmers Market and possibly display a mower.

Mike will coordinate training aiming for Saturday April 12 at 10am Site tbd

Email blast to go out to members to keep apprised of events, mowing and paving schedules.

Bob Hess volunteered to do the email updates and will need Jake's access to MailChimp.

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**Earth Day Clean-up planned for 4-26-25 @ 9-11:30am** with Scouts. Stockport to Greenport. Olde Klaverack offered after party with pizza. We await info on paving closures and don't have info yet on scheduling conflicts.

**Other Business:** Jessie reports we are signed up for Kinderhook Farmer's Market . She will email dates and seek volunteers. We discussed other event opportunities ie Community Days.

**Trail Enhancement Project:** Ron asked for approval of \$2,600 to install 4 "Mutt Mitt" dog waste disposal systems along the trail. They consist of dog waste bag dispensers, supplies, bins and bin liners. Mowing crews will empty bins. Mike moved and Deb seconded; approved.

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjournment:** Kevin moved, Jessie seconded; Meeting adjourned 7:19 pm

**Next Meeting April 7, 2025 @ 6pm**

We will meet Monday April 7, 2025 at the Community Room at the Kinderhook Memorial Library. Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Jamison