

**June 15, 2022**

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Kane County

Public Lands Department

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Commission Chambers

**Recreation & Transportation Special Service District**

**MINUTES**

**Attending:** Tony wright, Byard Kershaw, Kelly Stowell, Lance Jackson,

 Bart Battista, Clayton Cutler, Colten Johnson,

Jeff Stott, Randy-Sunrise Engineering

 **Committee members absent:** Andy Gant, Mike Noel.

Tony Wright- (Chair) Called meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Bart made a motion to approve the minutes of 03-16-2022 Recreation & Transportation meeting.

Lance seconded the motion.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Clayton updated the board about the current budget and up to date spending in 2022. So far the budget is on track, but the expenses are categorized under miscellaneous. It is just a software mistake, Clayton said he is working on getting that in the correct line item in the Pelorus software. Kelly asked if there are restrictions on how the board spends the money. It was discussed that it needs to fall under the category of recreation and transportation. Clayton said that he understood that when the money is given to the board, they can spend the money at the board’s discretion. As long as it follows the procurement policy that the board adopted in 2020. Kelly and Bart wanted to know more about the entity giving the money to the SSD sets any stipulations on spending. There are only certain ways that money can be spent, and Clayton will find out exactly how that allocation works for next meeting.

Tony provided information on the Peekaboo parking area. He wanted to keep the board in the loop, and in the future the board may help fund part of project. Currently the ATV club is working with the BLM and working on funding options to expand the parking lot to use the 2 acres originally designated for parking. The EA has already been done on the ground to include more bathrooms and parking. He will give updates on that project as it continues to move forward.

Bart informed the board of the Kanab creek bridge and some of the issues the bridge has at this time. The structural engineering originally didn’t account for horses, and in the current state of the bridge, the cost to modify is similar to replacing the bridge. He introduced Randy from Sunrise Engineering.

Randy mentioned that originally the BLM put Sunrise in touch with the group Backcountry Horsemen. Sunrise came down and did a sight visit to the bridge. Their concerns were the load weight was rated for about 3,500 lbs. The Backcountry Horseman group requested to add roughly an additional weight of 2,000 lbs. of material in order to safely accommodate horses crossing the bridge. He confirmed the price to rebuild wouldn’t be as efficient if they were to just replace with a new structure. Sunrise has been working with a few other entities and they have done some of these exact type of bridges and he recommended sitting down and making a decision on how they want to move forward. He does know of some funding opportunities that he could provide the board with information. He said that the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers funding, some outdoor retailers are handing out some money for things like this. He said the UDOT grant “safe streets for all” could potentially help. There was some discussion about safety and if there were any studies done on number of horses that would likely use the bridge. There hasn’t been any studies done to Randy’s knowledge. Randy said that one of the first things that should happen is they should clarify who actually owns the bridge and that may make it easier to move forward. Then the Horseman group can contact the official owners of the bridge and request changes to the structure.

Lance asked if the main concern of safety was for the horse riders or was it a safety issue with walkers and ATV users. Randy said that since it is a multi-use bridge, the safety concerns could be to a lot of different groups and he recommends installing a new bridge rather than retro-fit the current bridge to accommodate horse use.

Tony mentioned that he wasn’t sure that this bridge discussion is really a discussion that this board needs to be involved with. Randy mentioned he just wanted to keep this board in the loop because the RTSSD was involved in the original construction.

Bart made a motion to adjourn, Tony seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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Tony Wright – RTSSD Chair     Clayton Cutler - KCPLD