

**Greenway Technical Committee
Meeting Notes
Itasca State Park- Douglas Lodge
10:30 AM July 12, 2005**

Steve Mullally, GF Park District
Sgt. Keith Schroeder, GF Police Dept.
Foster Hudson, MN DNR
Lonnie Winrich
Tim Schroeder

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Cory Birkholz, Options
Bryce Anderson, MN DNR
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I. Overview of accomplishments: A list of accomplishments to date was distributed. The committee has accomplished many things since it began in 2001 to continue the efforts of the Greenway Alliance. Many people are not aware of what has been accomplished and how well the committee works as a whole. The committee would like to write an editorial outlining these accomplishments. Kim will call Tom Dennis to discuss how to submit an editorial for publication and work with the Technical Committee Staff to create an editorial for submission. The committee has been able to stay under the political radar, which allows them to work together effectively.

II. Future items: Possible items for future development were identified: more benches and trails, and ADA compliant fishing piers. Grand Forks would like to develop a management plan and work with forest and local staff of ND Game and Fish as well as DNR staff. Gladwin has a "burn" plan that he worked with the EGF Fire Department to develop. The MN DNR has a roving crew and staff person on hand that can be contacted with questions.

III. Continuing partnerships: The MN DNR has not determined how it will continue relationships through the winter months. The campground will begin a seasonal open schedule for this fall. The department would like to stay involved as much as possible because they are a landowner in the project, but that will be difficult in the winter months without full time staff dedicated to the project.

A strong Friends group can have a good long-term effect on projects like the Greenway. At this time there is confusion about their role in the Greenway. It may be beneficial to discuss their role with them at the September Technical Committee meeting.

IV. Continuing communication: Continue the email list and include everyone in the conversations, as needed.

V. Other

- **Trail usage in EGF:** Counting began on path near the RRSRA campground just after July 4. Gladwin will bring the results of that study to the fall meeting.

- Hiking club trail already in place in East Grand Forks. For more information on this program visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/clubs.html. ATV & trucks are still using the trails as roads in EGF.
- **Red River fishing forum:** Requests are received from time to time on fishing conditions. At this time no one is aware of any group providing that type of information.

Next Greenway Technical Committee Staff meeting: Changed to August 16, 2005 instead of August 9.

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, September 13, 2005 – Grand Forks Park District.

A tour of the Visitor's Center and Headwaters Interpretive Center followed the meeting.

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