

Heart of the Lakes & Heartland Trail Connection to Vergas Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

11:00 am

Vergas Event Center and Zoom

Present: Patrick Hollister, Tony Sailer, Blaine Green, Jillian Reiner, Tracey Von Barga, Chuck Grotte, Deb Sjoström, Steph Hogan, Mara Davis, Engineer Jeff Kuhn, Mary Safgren, Bob Williams of the Frazee-Vergas Forum and Clerk-Treasurer Julie Lammers.

Absent: Kevin Fellbaum, Paul Pinke, Jay Norby and Jill Shipman.

Call to Order

Julie Lammers called meeting to order, and members introduced themselves.

Additions and Deletions

None.

Partnership4Health Community Health Board and Vergas Agreement

Patrick Hollister reviewed the funding of the trail plan. All work needs to be completed by September 20, 2023.

Trail Plans

Jeff Kuhn reviewed the plan and committee discussed ideas for trail placement. Otter Tail County has developed a master plan for the county which will provide some information to facilitate development of our trails. We need to determine sites we would like to connect: lakes, access, parks, away from a potential impact, etc. Please review the Otter Tail County plan which is located on their website before the next meeting. May want to review maps from the Lakes Area Bike Club where there is a route along County Highway 4.

Timeline and Meeting Dates and Times

We will begin meeting monthly and change as needed. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 11:00 am on Zoom or Teams.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Julie Lammers  
City Clerk-Treasurer  
City of Vergas

**Follow up actions:**

Wideth will provide information (maps) regarding trail routes to consider.  
Schedule 2 public hearings: 1 in Vergas, 1 in Frazee

**Recommendations to Council:**

None.