

## **Root River Trail Extension - Citizens Exploratory Committee**

La Crescent Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

111 S. Walnut, Suite B, La Crescent, MN

September 17th, 2025 -- 3:30 p.m.

### **Agenda**

1. Call To Order, Roll Call
2. April 16, 2025 Minutes – Acceptance (no quorum May 14<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup> or August 13<sup>th</sup>)
3. Discussion Items –
  - a. Draft Joint Powers Agreement – Status of Draft
  - b. Review Survey Parcels Legals Info – Research on NRCS easements – Wetlands Reserve Program – Review again
  - c. Grants and Grant Writing Activities:
    - i. City of La Crescent – MnDOT IJA Transportation Technical Assistance Grant – City to Miller’s Corners – Update
    - ii. USDOT Fed Grant – BUILD Planning, Environmental and Engineering Design – NOT AWARDED – Debrief Scheduled for October
    - iii. Congressionally Designated Spending (CD) – Application – Not Funded
    - iv. Mn Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Grant – Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) - Not Funded
    - v. Tentatively approved by LCCMR
      1. BikeMN Trail Study, 2 DNR Trail Applications, DNR Local Trails program
    - vi. Future Funding Strategies – Mn Bonding Bill, State Legislators Direct Legislation, Federal, DNR. Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (not eligible)
  - d. Update on MnDNR – Funding Source used for Sather Property – Still have not heard from DNR
  - e. Other – La Crescent Active Transportation Action Plan Update (Safe Routes to School and Bike-Ped Plan update).
4. Public Comment
5. Next Meeting –November 19<sup>th</sup>
6. Adjourn