

City of Rock Falls

Eagle Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 01/10/2023

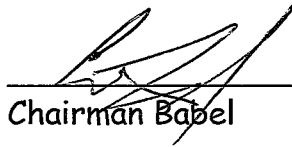
Time Meeting Started: 5:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 6:18 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Casey Babel	P	Melinda Jones	P
Angelic Stewart	A	Mayor Kleckler	P
Paul Gierhart	P		
John Larson	P		
Jim Schuneman	P	Guest - Mary Nelson from University of IL Extension - Ag & Natural Resources Program Director	P
X-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order by Chairman Babel at 5:30 p.m. 	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Chairman Babel to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 minutes, second by Member Gierhart, motion carried 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flock to the Rock '23 - February 11, 2023 - Melinda Jones went over all the details of the event. 9am meet at lower dam to view eagles. 10am-1pm meet at Rock Falls Community Building. 10:15am Northern IL Raptor Rehab & Education do a presentation and will bring a few live birds to show (possibly an eagle too). Their presentation will last about 1 hour. Next, Rudy Vallejo, Native-American, will talk about how the Bald Eagle symbolizes their culture and do an eagle dance. Nature-related vendors - 2 vendors confirmed, possibly 3 more. Salvation Army will provide food. Advertised in Northwest Quarterly Magazine, Facebook, and fliers around town. Also there was an ad in the AAA Living Magazine of which we did not do, but was nice to see and have received requests for information from it. Member Gierhart made a rack card that can be used to hand out. This rack card has information about the Spring Migration along the Rock River and includes a map of the Rock Falls Birding Trail. These will need to go out for distribution in late January. A quote from Pinney Printing Company was \$189.00 for 500. Member Larson made a motion to go forward with printing them, second by Member Babel, motion carried. Member Gierhart will also design a Fall migration rack card that will need to go out for distribution in July. 	<p>A. No action</p> <p>B. Approved</p> <p>C. No action</p>
Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melinda reported on how well the Rock Falls Birding Trail Facebook page and the website page on the Visit Rock Falls 	A. No action

	<p>website is doing. FB in the last month had reached 1.8k with 226 followers. In the last 30 days, the website page had reached 129 visitors. Melinda will look into getting an Instagram page as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melinda reported that Tom Doig mentioned he is still interested in doing a bird walk this spring. Will talk about this at March meeting with Tom. • Member Schuneman made a suggestion that a camera needs to be placed near the eagle nest along the Hennepin Canal that would shoot down on the trail both directions for tracking anyone who might try to harm the nest or eagles. Discussion with Mayor Kleckler was made regarding camera location. 	<p>B. No action</p> <p>C. No action</p>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman Babel moved to adjourn at 6:18 pm, second by Member Gierhart. 	Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Chairman Babel