



# City of Rock Falls

## Eagle Trail Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 02/14/2023

Time Meeting Started: 5:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 6:24 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Casey Babel	P	Melinda Jones	P
Angelic Stewart	A	Mayor Kleckler	A
Paul Gierhart	P		
John Larson	A		
Jim Schuneman	P		
X-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting was called to order by Chairman Babel at 5:30 p.m.</li> </ul>	
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion was made by Chairman Babel to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 minutes, second by Member Schuneman, motion carried</li> </ul>	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flock to the Rock '23 - February 11, 2023 - Melinda Jones gave a report on how the event went. There were only 1-2 eagles at the lower dam for viewing due to the unseasonably warm weather. The lower dam parking lot was full of cars with people coming to view the eagles. Over 150 attended the event at the Rock Falls Community Building. Presenters of Northern IL Raptor Rehab &amp; Education and Rudy Vallejo did outstanding presentations. We heard all great comments on the event. We had visitors from Peoria, Kewanee, Naperville, Deerfield, Barrington, Mt. Carroll, Palestine, and Hammond, Indiana just to name a few.</li> <li>Discussion was held about what we could do in the future. Hosting the event at another venue closer to the lower dam/downtown area. Melinda will check into Kapps Banquet Facility and see if they would be interested in us having it there. It was mentioned to bring back Northern IL Raptor Rehab &amp; Education next year if they would definitely bring their eagle "Independence". Also bringing back Rudy Vallejo and seeing if he can bring extra to the program, such as his drummer, and more Indian culture. Possibly involving the community more, even the schools, with the possibility of having a kids art contest or photo contest.</li> <li>Discussion about having maps available at the 2024 event of the Rock Falls Birding Trail and a map showing the eagle nest by Centennial Park. Also have information available about what to see in the area and where to dine available.</li> </ul>	<p>Discussion only</p> <p>Discussion only</p> <p>Discussion only</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melinda has an ice carving sculptor that we could add to the event for February 10, 2024. His name is Bob Storm from Rock Island. He would do three (3) ice carving sculptures - 36" tall x 20" wide x 5" deep and can do an eagle, pelican, fish, or whatever we wanted basically. The quote was for \$600.00 for all 3 ice carvings. It would take him about 3 hours to do the 3 sculptures. A motion was made by Member Schuneman to hire Bob Storm for the February 10, 2024 Flock to the Rock event, second by Chairman Babel. Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion was held that after the ice carving sculptures are finished that they be placed in front of 3 Rock Falls Tourism Sponsor businesses downtown Rock Falls.</p>	<p>Approved to hire Bob Storm, ice carver at \$600 for 3 ice carvings for Flock to the Rock 2024</p>
<p>Committee Member Items</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairman Babel moved to adjourn at 6:24 pm, second by Member Gierhart.</li> </ul>	<p>Adjourned at 6:24 p.m.</p>




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Chairman Babel