

TRANSPORTATION MEETING
Conference Room – Chamber of Commerce
Jan. 15th 2008

PRESENT: Bob Dunnell, Tom Pagel, Mark Hoyne, James Madden, Ron Nelson, Elmer Cone, Steve Aysta, Mike Hughes, Catherine McLynn, Len Hardy, Terry Snyder, Jeff Koehn, Rick Utech, Dave Marshall, Marla Beaty, Burl Ives, Dale Anderson

CHAMBER STAFF: Bud Stone & Kerry Larsen

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2007 MINUTES: Tom Pagel made a motion to approve the November 2007 minutes; Jim Madden seconded; motion carried.

ACTION: No further action is needed.

INTRODUCTIONS: The attendees took a few moments to introduce themselves to each other, explain what this meeting is about and why specific people were asked to attend.

ACTION: No further action is needed

ATV TRAILS: The committee members discussed at great length the ATV Trails and how they feel it would be important to get ATV trails to connect. The committee discussed the impact on the community, economic impact and the benefits of having ATV trails connect. The committee discussed the concerns, issues and steps that need to be taken in order to possibly get this completed. Where are the trails? Who owns property that would get the trails to connect? What's the value in making them connect? Who is the lead person/groups to help get this started? What is the role of the transportation committee? Where do you go to get this started? Do the businesses want this? A survey needs to be sent to Chamber member businesses to ask if this is something that interests them? And if so who do they see handling it (person or group)? And why? The Transportation committee and other groups/committees need to attend each other's meetings and work together and show support. After these conversations the committee decided upon these action steps:

1. Tom Pagel will attend the Trails Taskforce meeting, present the idea to the group and see if any help will come from the taskforce. This meeting is on the second Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m. Sawmill Inn. Tom will attend the Feb. 14th 2008.
2. Committee members will attempt to attend these meetings. Trails Taskforce meeting (stated above), Last Monday of each month /Snowmobile Alliance at the Lawrence Lake Legion Sept – April, 7:00 p.m. and on March 12th 2008, 7pm. at the Itasca County Courthouse a meeting will be held to find common interests of all groups, problems, solutions and how to work together and on Jan. 30th 2008, 4:30 – 7 p.m. Grand Rapids Library – ATV use on State Lands.

All committee members were encouraged to attend these meetings to show support.

ACTION: Tom Pagel will attend Trails Taskforce meeting and report to the committee on March 18th 2008.

EMAILS OF ATTENDEE'S: Emails were requested given to attendee's at this meeting. Attendance and emails are listed below.

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Transportation meeting will be March 18th 2008 at the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room, 12:00 noon.

Meeting Adjourned