

Easement Committee Meeting Agenda

August 19th, 2014 9 a.m.

This meeting is being held to discuss avenues of pursuing a land acquisition or easement property to be used for educational purposes.

9 a.m. Call to Order

Present: Karin Nembach- DM, Marc Bell-resource conservationist, Frank Pender – Easement CTTEE
Chair

- I. Review the Application Process – highlights of important pieces of the application/ due diligence checklist (lots of questions to be answered). Karin (DM) presented to the group. She thought it would be good to pursue the acquisition of this property, but to take the time needed over the next year to properly answer all the questions we might have and to develop partnerships and long term funding strategies. Then by this time next year, prepare a final application to submit for approval for the January 2016 funding cycle.
- II. Next Steps – plan a course for completion by the next grant cycle January 2016 - Make sure that we flesh out what we want/don't want as a board as well as clearly understanding what the landowners want/ don't want. Committee to make a list of questions that we have answered already and a list of benefits/concerns and bring that to the board to vote on allowing the easement committee to move forward and pursue this property over the course of 2014-2015. Talk to SDAO about the types of investments we might be able to pursue for the stewardship funds from the WMF and possible endowment funds. At the September 2014 meeting ask the board "for permission for the easement committee to go ahead and pursue this property".
- III. Include the landowner in our discussions/contact possible partners- other sources of income for maintenance and outreach – next step is to give the landowners the application and let them read over it, then convene a meeting to discuss and clarify what we can on the application. When time is right ask the LO if they are interested in being financially involved in the perpetuity aspect of the property. Is there anything special the family might want to see preserved, anything they would like to see happen or not on the site as we want to keep their perspective in mind too.
- IV. Divvy up action pieces
- V. Questions for Laura Tessler?? DM to make arrangement to meet and further flesh out initial questions, make plan to meet with LO.

Adjourned at: 9:56 am