

Avon Hills Initiative Executive Board Meeting
June 24, 2009, 4:45 p.m.
Room 150, New Science Center, Saint John's University

MINUTES

Boardmembers present: Peter Dwyer, Lowell Rushmeyer, Mike Leedahl

Staff present: Tom Kroll, Bill Fahrney

Guests present: Kimberly Thielen-Cremers

1. Annual conference update: date set, planning committee, etc.
 - a. Still looking at dates—Jan 23 or 30, or first two weeks in February. Have not yet heard back from Stan Tekiela about his availability to speak.
 - b. Recommend tentatively reserving space with events for all dates until the decision is made
2. County ordinance update—no update
3. LCCMR grant update
 - a. We're waiting for MN Land Trust to make the announcement of the first easement. We'll have an article about it in the summer newsletter.
4. CR 51 Update
 - a. Bid came in at \$3,800,000, under the estimate of \$4,251,000
 - b. Construction will start on west end beginning the week of July 20. Road will be gravel until completed. The first coat of tar should be done by fall. An additional layer will be completed in 2010.
5. Other business
 - a. Mississippi River Project (Kimberly Thielen-Cremers)
 - i. Hosting events along the Mississippi River—"Take a day OFF* on the Mississippi River" (OFF=Outdoor Family Fun). 50 people attended in May.
 - ii. Next event scheduled for Saturday, August 8 at the Stearns County Mississippi River Park
 - iii. The Project is working toward a vision that all 14 affected cities can endorse

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 29, 4:45 p.m.