



Fox Cities Greenways, Inc. Annual Meeting Minutes

January 23rd, 2025

5:00-7:00 pm

30 Years of Greenways

Meeting Location:
Poplar Hall - Appleton, Wisconsin

Mission Statement:

Fostering the Development and Preservation of Trails and Greenways in the Greater Fox

Cities Region

5-6 PM

- Registration, Cash Bar, Hor d'oeuvres, Community Partner Displays

6-7 PM

- Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2024, Annual Meeting
- Approval of 2024 Financials
- 2024 Accomplishments & 2025 Plans
- Outgoing Board members/ Propose new Board members.
- Approve 2024 Board of Directors and Officers
- Guest Speakers
- Local Updates: - What's New? Popcorn Mic
- Door Prizes, Silent Auction
- Next Year - Thursday - January 22, 2026 – Bubolz Nature Preserve
- Adjourn meeting





Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Kittel at 6:00 p.m. with a welcome and recap on the meeting agenda.

Cindy Carter made a motion to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes as presented; Greg Steiner seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dennis presented the financial report for 2024. Motion to approve from Cindy Carter, seconded by Barb. **Motion carried unanimously.**

President Kittel highlighted 2024's accomplishments including progress on the Paper Route. An audience question about the new Paper Route's signage was raised and President Kittel assured the group that signage would be improved versus the old Paper Trail. The Carpenter Preserve project was shared and Mike Kading from Neenah elaborated on plans for trails on the property. Babs Smith shared the Apple Blossoms for Appleton program.

President Kittel introduced the proposed 2025 board as President Dennis Kittel, VP Rachel Roth, Secretary Derek Murphy, Treasurer - Open, Past President - Gwen Sergeant, Michelle Bachaus, David Kittel, and welcomed new board members Don Merkes, Lily Paul, and Tom Walsh.

Cindy motioned to approve the 2025 board of directors and Mike Kading seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Guest Speaker Phil Ramlet - Fox Locks presentation

Guest Speaker Lynda Fink - High Cliff Connection presentation. Website for the project is highcliffconnection.org

Dennis presented Recognition Award to Sue Kinde

Dennis shared that next year's annual meeting will be at Bubolz Nature Preserve on January 22, 2026

Municipality project updates given by:

- Nancy Brown-Keller - Shawano County had a successful year with addition of a mid-trail information center on the Mountain Bay state trail
- John McDonald (Little Chute) - several more users on trails, completion of south end of little chute to Kaukauna trail. Ebben trail project update Holland to Cherryvale and ultimately to Apple Creek trail
- Kim Biederman (ECWRPC) - connect Fox Cities - long-range plan for connectivity through Fox Cities. There is a website and they are looking for input.
- Holly Femal (Kimberly) - adding a trail segment 10' concrete on Marcellus St connecting Kimberly ave to Kennedy to pre-existing connections including CE trail. Retrofitting a building to a 4-season space along trail corridor
- Brad Garrity (Naturalist at 1000 Islands) - replacing boardwalk, phase 1 completed along river, phase 2 starting next week

With no other business to discuss, Cindy made a motion to adjourn; Kim Biederman seconded. **Motion carried unanimously;** meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Derek Murphy, Greenways Secretary



UPCOMING 2026 ANNUAL MEETING DATE: JANUARY 22ND, 2026. Bubolz Nature Preserve. APPLETON, WISCONSIN