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**ACME TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
ACME TOWNSHIP HALL
6042 Acme Road, Williamsburg MI 49690
Thursday, June 25, 2020, 7:30 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE : 7:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL: Members present: D. White, C. Dye, A. Jenema, J. Aukerman, D. Nelson,
Excused: P. Scott, D. Hoxsie

A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Jenema to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Aukerman. All in favor, motion carried.

C. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2% Tribal Grant Application Request (TART)

Casey Ressel from TART Trails presented the grant application that TART will submit to Grand Traverse Band for Acme Connector Trail called Nakwema Trailway meaning “path connect”. If approved the proposed amount is \$300,000. This application requires Board approval and signature from Acme Township Supervisor. Board discussion followed.

Motion by Jenema to approve the 2% Tribal Grant Application request and Supervisor White to sign the application supported by Auckerman. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Batteries for Speed Sign

White explained that enable to use the older speed sign, that just shows the speed limit of passing car, it will need the batteries replaced. Cost of replacement is \$200.

Motion by Jenema for the purchase of new batteries for Speed Sign, supported by Nelson. Roll call Voter, motion carried.

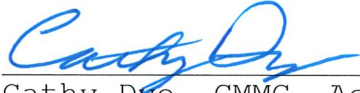
**PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:
None**

ADJOURN: Motion by Jenema to adjourn at 8:04 a.m., supported by Nelson. All in favor, motion carried.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a document from the official records of the township.



Cathy Dye, CMMC, Acme Township Clerk



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GENERAL TOWNSHIP MEETING POLICIES

- A. All cell phones shall be switched to silent mode or turned off.**
- B. Any person may make a video, audio or other record of this meeting. Standing equipment, records, or portable microphones must be located so as not to block audience view.**

**CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL**

A. LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment periods are provided at the beginning and end of each meeting agenda. Members of the public may address the Board regarding any subject of community interest during these periods. Comment during other portions of the agenda may or may not be entertained at the moderator's discretion.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

C. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES:

D. INQUIRY AS TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

E. REPORTS:

F. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

G. CONSENT CALENDAR: The purpose is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together for one Board motion (roll call vote) without discussion. A request to remove any item for discussion later in the agenda from any member of the Board, staff or public shall be granted.

1. RECEIVE AND FILE:

- a. None**

2. APPROVAL:

- 1. None**

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:

I. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.**

J. PUBLIC HEARING:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 2% Tribal Grant Application Request (TART)**
- 2. Batteries for Speed Sign**

L. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.**

PUBLIC COMMENT & OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD:

ADJOURN

If you are planning to attend and are physically challenged, requiring any special assistance, please notify Cathy Dye, Clerk, within 24 hours of the meeting at 938-1350.

MEMO

TO: Acme Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Casey Ressler, Development Director, TART Trails

DATE: June 23, 2020

RE: TART Trails' Grand Traverse Band 2% Application for Acme Connector Trail

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss and review of our Grand Traverse Band 2% application for the Acme Connector Trail. We greatly appreciate the strong partnership with Acme Township and your investment in supporting trails and community connections.

Sincerely,

Casey Ressler
casey@traversetrails.org
Mobile 231-360-3604



4. Fiscal Data: Amount Requested: \$ 300,000 Percent: 24 %
 Local Leveraging: \$ 968,000 Percent: 76 %
 (Match)
 Total Budget: \$ 1,268,000 Percent: 100 %
5. Target Population numbers: Children Adults Elders
* Total GTB member Community Others
 (Indicate the number of GTB members) *Trail will connect Grand Traverse Town Center
6. Counties Impacted: Antrim Benzie Charlevoix
 Grand Traverse Leelanau Manistee
7. Brief Description (purpose of funding); include statement of need:

TART Trails is applying for Grand Traverse Band 2% funding to provide critical transportation and recreational connections by constructing 1.8 miles of non-motorized trail in Acme Township (Grand Traverse County) as part of a larger effort to connect Traverse City and Charlevoix with the Nakwema Trailway. (please see the see attached map). The Grand Traverse Band has been instrumental in the continued success of TART Trails and our regional trail network. We greatly appreciate your support of trails and community connections. With your help, we'd like to pursue the opportunity to connect our current trail network to the neighborhoods, businesses and parks in Acme Township.

Continued investment in non-motorized, multi-use trails is crucial because they provide residents and visitors with the ability to improve their physical and mental health, contribute to a vibrant economy, and build a greener transportation network. Trails can be a part of the solution in combatting heart disease, obesity, mental illness and more. They also offer transportation independence through a consistent alternative mode of transportation. They help build more resilient communities through the myriad of benefits they provide.

With the Tribe's support, project partners will construct 1.8 miles of non-motorized, multi-use trail that will expand transportation and recreational opportunities in Acme Township. Snow clearing during the winter months will allow year-round use as our region continues to build its 4-season reputation. This segment is part of a larger vision to connect Traverse City, Acme, Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood and Charlevoix through a 46+ mile trail that supports vibrant communities and links people to the special places of the region. Once complete, the Nakwema Trailway will open up over 325 miles of non-motorized trails in northern Lower Michigan.

The current TART Trail terminus at Bunker Hill Road does not provide easy access to local businesses or the public waterfront in Acme Township, nor does it provide parking. Conversely, visitors to Bayside Park cannot easily travel across US-31 to reach local businesses located there or the TART Trail. Once complete, the project

will increase commuter use of the trail to local businesses, including the top two employers in Acme Township – the Meijer store and Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. In addition, as the Grand Traverse Town Center is developed, we expect to see an increase in tourist and residential use of this trail. With continued support for this project, the Grand Traverse Band is helping to catalyze an entire region to move forward with an initiative that will transform our region’s identity. Together, we can do something big. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal to create community connections in Acme Township.

8. This question only pertains to Indian Education Programs of Public School Systems. If you are not an Indian Education Program of a Public School system, skip to question 9.

(a) **Program formula: (1) \$5,000, up to \$10,000 per school district + (\$1,000, up to \$1,500 x # of GTB member students) = allocation. The increase to the formula will be determined by the previous timely 2% report received, and the data provided within the report on the success of the school’s Indian Education Program as a result of the 2% allocation.**

Please note: 1) In completing this section, only provide the student numbers of currently enrolled GTB members; do not include the general Native American data of your school system; and 2) there will be a cap of \$100,000, up to \$125,000 per school, based on the school’s GTB membership count and data provided within the 2% report received from the previous year.

(b) Recommendation from Parent Committee: _____ YES _____ NO

Please have the Parent Committee sign the attached Certification Form.

(c) Describe parent involvement in project: _____

(d) Does the school receive Title VII Indian Education Funds? _____ YES _____ NO
If yes, how much: _____

9. What are the start and completion dates of the proposed project?

Start October 1, 2019 Completion September 30, 2021

10. Has applicant received prior awards through the Tribe’s 2% funding allocation?

X YES _____ NO. If yes, please list the start and end dates and amount:

March 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020 and amounts: \$10,000 for the Leelanau Trail

March 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020 and amounts: \$6,400 for Recycle-A-Bicycle Program

March 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019 and amounts: \$4,041.82 for Recycle-A-Bicycle Program

March 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018 and amounts: \$15,000 for Boardman Lake Loop Trail

March 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018 and amounts: \$5,000

March 28, 2014 - December 31, 2014 and amounts: \$5,080

January 31, 2012 - December 31, 2013 and amounts: \$6,000

February 18, 2010 - December 1, 2010 and amounts: \$15,000

August 9, 2007 - December 31, 2008 and amounts: \$30,000

January 27, 2006 - December 31, 2006 and amounts: \$15,000

February 6, 2004 - December 31, 2005 and amounts: \$50,000

11. Is the proposed project new or a continuation project ?

If this is a continuation project, please explain why there is a need to continue funding:

Note: The Grand Traverse Band previously awarded Acme Township a \$15,000 grant for engineering for this section of trail.

12. If the previous project has been completed, did you submit your 2% report? YES NO.
The 2% report must be submitted one year from the date you received your 2% award. If your report has not been submitted, your current application will not be considered! 2% Reports are mandatory for future grant considerations. Mail your 2% report to: Attn: 2% Reports; GTB, 2605 N.W. Bay Shore Drive, Peshawbestown, MI 49682.

13. Impact of Gaming on local program: (e.g., increase in student population, resulting from increase in Tribal employment or increase in emergency services to Casino patrons).
This segment of trail will provide an important connection to residents including those who live and work in Acme Township as well as those who visit the Grand Traverse Town Center, Grand Traverse Resort & Spa and Turtle Creek Casino. It is our hope to continue to build non-motorized options including a connection to community attractions like Turtle Creek.

14. How will the success of the project be assessed (evaluation plan)? TART Trails has a long-standing trail use and monitoring program staffed by TART employees and volunteers. In the most recent TART Trail monitoring, 350,000 annual visits to the TART network were logged with year over year growth of 15%.

In the near term, TART Trails will continue to count annual trail visits in multiple locations with TRAFx Trail Counters that use high-quality infrared scopes to track trail visits year-round. Once this section is complete,

TART Trails will install trail counters on this “Acme Connector” segment. TART will also periodically survey individual users to determine how and why they are using the trails. In addition, TART Trails conducts health and economic benefits studies every 3-5 years to examine impact of trails in communities.

15. If new staff is required, will preference be given to Native American applicants?

NA

_____ YES _____ NO

16. Budget: Please attach a one-page itemization of the planned budget. Include explanation for each category of the budget.

IMPORTANT!! BEFORE YOU MAIL YOUR 2% APPLICATION, PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- 1) Execute authorized signature on first page, question #2.
- 2) Attach 1-page budget
- 3) Attach Parent Committee Certification Form if application is from an Indian Education/Title VII Program.
- 3) Submit by appropriate deadline:
 - If for June cycle, postmarked by May 31st.
 - If for December cycle, postmarked by November 30th.

Mail completed 2% applications to:

**Attention: 2% Program
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
2605 N.W. Bay Shore Drive
Peshawbestown, MI 49682**

If you have any questions, please call 231-534-7601.

Budget for Tribal Council Allocation of 2% Funds

TART Trails 2020 Proposal: Nakwema Trailway: Acme Connection Phase

Contact: Casey Ressler, Development Director | 231-941-4300 | casey@traversetrails.org

Income

Funding Source	Committed	Proposed	Total
Acme Township	\$75,000		\$75,000
State of Michigan	\$38,000		\$38,000
Michigan DNR Trust Fund Grant	\$300,000		\$300,000
Grand Traverse Band 2%		\$300,000	\$300,000
Iron Belle Trail Fund	\$300,000		\$300,000
Anonymous	\$200,000		\$200,000
Rotary Charities of Traverse City	\$30,000		\$30,000
Tri-County Bicycle Association – DALMAC Fund	\$15,000		\$15,000
Cherry Capital Cycling Club	\$10,000		\$10,000
		Total	\$1,268,000

Expenses

Use of Funds	Total
Construction: Bunker Hill to Bayside Park	\$396,000
Construction: Mount Hope to Grand Traverse Town Center	\$815,800
Grant/Construction Services Estimates	\$56,200
	Total \$1,268,000

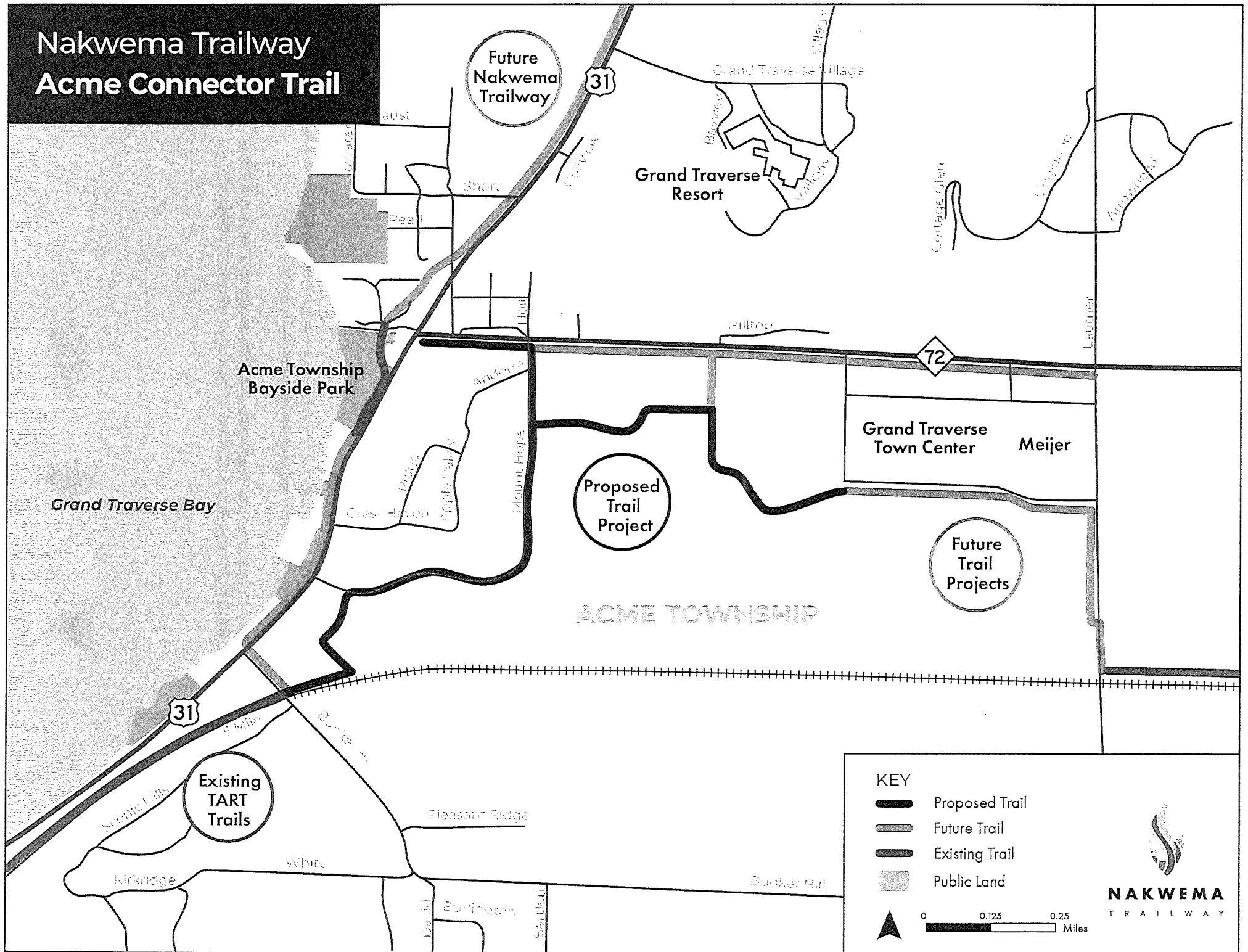
Budget Explanation

Income: To date, 76% of the funds for the construction of the Acme Connector Trail have been raised. This includes a mix of public and private funding to support the Nakwema Trailway.





Expenses: Construction estimates are based on trail engineering at 75% design and include a 10% contingency. Grand Traverse Band 2% funding would be used solely for construction expenses.



Nakwema Trailway Acme Connector Trail



KEY

-  Proposed Trail
-  Future Trail
-  Existing Trail
-  Public Land

