

Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail (CFET) 9-15--25
Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

Monthly Meeting September 15, 2025

Call to Order

The September Monthly meeting of the Columbia Friends of the Electric Trail was called to order at 6:02 pm on September 15, 2025 by President Ron Rich in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

Present:

Ron Rich, Deb Shakotko, Lee Jamison, Bill Schneider, Bob Hess, Michael Susi, Jessie Anderson, Nolan Robinson

Zoom:

Absent: Kevin Gilrain,

Public: Jim DiGioia

Review August 11, 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes

Deb moved and Nolan seconded to approve: Passed

Treasurer and Budget Status Reports

Deb gave treasurer's report through August 31, 2025

Opening Checking Account Balance: \$31,429.58

Revenue: \$343.06

Expenses: \$1327.27

Closing Balance: \$ 30,352.31

Total with CD, Reserves: \$ 61,380.52

Expenditures include gas, equipment maintenance

Discussion of transfer of some funds to CD tabled for next month

Bill moved to approve the report and Bob seconded: Passed.

Training and Maintenance Committee Report

Bob Hess reported as Kevin is on vacation.

One more mowing deployment to start tomorrow to go south from Niverville trailhead.

Discussion of trail sections maintained faithfully by adjacent homeowners.

Four dog waste stations are installed. Bagged waste will be disposed at Kinderhook Town dumpster.

Six volunteers will be working tomorrow.

Membership Report

Membership committee duties transitioned to Bob on September 1.

There has been \$17,335 in membership dues income. We have 130 members.

Thank you to Steven and Tina Lang for their donation.

Communication: Maps for the brochure are being designed. Artist has sketched out ideas. Covering the section of Nassau to Hudson. Data for mapping via Google Maps.; trailheads, distances, other attractions to note

Events:

Octoberfest set for 10-18-25 3-6pm at Samascott's Farm Market with Rotary

Ron and Rotary agreed on no change in meal price over last year: \$22. Ticket sales set for Zeffy and at Kinderhook Farmer's Market now through October 10th. Marisol at Samascott's will do desserts.

Farmers Market: now through October, we will sell Oktoberfest tickets

Public Comments: Jim offers to sell tickets and publicize

Adjournment: Deb moved, Michael seconded; Meeting adjourned 6:48 pm

Next Meeting

October 13, 2025 @ 6pm

We are now meeting on the second Monday of each month : We will meet Monday October 13th, 2025 in the Reading Porch of the Kinderhook Memorial Library

Please use the Sylvester Street entrance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jamison