Call to Order.
The agenda being properly signed and posted, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Valitchka at 6:37 pm. The meeting was held at 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI.

Welcome and Introductions.
Valitchka welcomed those present and introductions were made.

Approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Meeting.
No minutes were distributed, they will be acted on at the March Meeting.

WI Bike Federation Summit.
The Wausau area was represented by 10-12 people at the annual summit in Madison. There was an opportunity to meet with area legislators and promote bicycling and its benefits in the Wausau Area. There were also conference sessions held to educate people on bike facility designs, how the education elected officials, connections between health and biking, and mountain biking activities.

Bike Signage Committee Update.
The Public works directors from area communities now make up the Committee and discussed the inventory and signing plan for the area, the new bike route map, and a memorandum of understanding between communities on bike routes that cross municipal boundaries.

Bike and Walk Week.
A number of rodeos are being discussed to recognize the week, Wausau School District is looking at a summer school program. Valitchka is working with the Wausau Police Dept. for a training session for officers prior to the Week, and WisDOT is hosting a train the trainer bike safety workshop in St. Point on May 19, 2012.

Rail Abandonment, Weston.
Mack explained that the WisDNR is discussing the purchase of the CN Railroad from Camp Phillips Road to Municipal Street in Weston that has been abandoned officially. With the WisDNR purchase, Marathon County Parks will get involved in the paving and maintenance of a new path on this section.

Community Updates.
Plath explained that they are working on a Bike Ride with the Mayor event for May probably during Bike and Walk Week. Weston will be dedicating the new Birch Street Bike Bridge on May 19th. Schofield is still working on a stripping program for selected routes in the city. Doug Stein addressed the committee with an idea to create an off road mountain bike area on a land he owns on the west side of Rib Mountain.

Next Meeting Dates - Thursday, March 29, 2012.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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