

**Erie to Pittsburgh Trail Alliance  
Executive Meeting  
Friday, September 25, 2020; 9:00 AM  
Virtual**

Present: B. Scholl, R. Steffey, R. Weil, K. Harris

The 2020 EPT Summit received a mini-grant of \$5,000 (reimbursable) from the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association (PALTA) with a 20% match required. Initially, the event was to be an in-person summit, but with the restrictions placed on meetings and travel due to COVID-19, the Summit had to switch gears and convert the virtual platform. Since the event's cost was much less than budgeted, PALTA asked us to submit personnel costs directly tied to the event. ORA receives funds from DCNR that includes some work and involvement with the EPTA.

An invoice was requested from FOR for some of the time that C. Mahronich Vita expended on setting up the virtual platform as she was the most qualified to set the virtual platform up and spend the time advising on the virtual event. K. Harris motioned that the invoice for \$1,093.00 to prepare the grant to closeout due September 30, 2020; R. Weil seconded – R. Steffey abstained. Discussion regarding possible conflict was held. C. Mahronich Vita acknowledged that the paid consulting work might appear as a conflict of interest. The Committee considered the terms of the proposed transaction as fair and reasonable to the organization and found that it would NOT be possible, with reasonable effort, to find a more advantageous arrangement with a party or entity that is not an interested party. R. Weil moved that we proceed with payment of the invoice submitted for EPT Summit Trail Consulting since the potential conflict disclosure was made; K. Harris seconded - R. Steffey abstained. Motion Passed

Board Action Request – ratify the Executive Committee Actions.