



Tri County Trail Commission

Meeting minutes of Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 7 PM

Green County Courthouse, Monroe WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, and Torkelson of Green County along with Reichling, Fisker and Flannery from Lafayette County. Coordinator present was Tom Jean. Stauffacher from Lafayette County, Withee from Green County and Lindholm from Iowa County were all absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Torkelson at 7:00 PM. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Torkelson declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Reichling and seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer, seconded by Ms. Flannery and the motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country

Trail: Tom is continuing to work with the DNR to explore the possibility of more funding for projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Update on Riprap project between Ferndale & Tibbets Road: Tom will continue to work with Fred Gruber and Jewell Associates to obtain the correct permits for the Rip Rap project between Ferndale and Tibbets Road.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs and Trail Usage update. Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs:

- a. **Update on informational signs along the trail:** The new informational signs that were erected in each Town or Village by the Tri County ATV Club, will be put into use to notify users once the Cheese Country Trail is open for Snowmobiles and closed to ATV's. As of now, there isn't sufficient snow for snowmobiling.
- b. **Bridge concerns.** Tom has received a call from Matt Horner representing the PRTC with concerns of debris stuck under a few bridges along the trail. Lee McCarville has been informed of these areas and will work to get them cleared. Tom will also look into applying for bridge rehabilitation funds for a couple of structures or culverts that need attention.

Trail Usage update: Lee gave a report of the trail usage. As of this meeting, there is not enough snow to open the Snowmobile trail, and ATVers are still using it.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the updated 2021-2022 Status of Funds showing an up to date balance. A motion to approve the Status of Funds was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

Vouchers: There was three vouchers to consider : Bard Materials -\$17,347.00 for gravel, Lafayette County Highway Dept. - \$19.88 for signage, and County Mutual Insurance for liability insurance - \$438.00. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Mr. Reichling and seconded by Ms. Flannery. The motion carried.

Date of next meeting: Feb. 24, 2022, at 7 PM at the Lafayette County Multipurpose building in Darlington.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Fisker and seconded by Ms. Flannery and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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