



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Meeting minutes of Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, and Torkelson of Green County along with Reichling, Flannery, and Fisker from Lafayette County. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and snowmobile club members. Stauffacher, Withee and Rolfsmeyer were 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. Blumer, seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Reichling, 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 received the necessary grants for the Rip Rap project between Ferndale Road and Tibbits Road north of Calamine. It came in two separate grants of equal amounts. One was a snowmobile grant in the amount of \$99,172.00 and the other was an ATV Grant in the amount of \$99,172.00, for a total project grant of \$198,344. Tom will contact Jewell and Associates to begin the permitting and bid letting process.

Tom has also applied for the maintenance funds for the 2021-2022 season for both Snowmobile and ATV/UTV. These applications had to be in by April 15.

Tom will continue to work with Kurt Byfield of the DNR to bring all of our grants up to date. All snowmobile maintenance must be entered into SNARS before the June 30th deadline.

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:

Tom and Fuzzy North have been working with Barry Larson, the project manager of the Darlington Main Street project. Although it is an inconvenience, the ATV/UTV's have been finding their way across Main St. If there is a major detour, Fuzzy has been signing it to direct the traffic across the construction zone.

Lee reported that the trail is getting a lot of use. It does need grading and gravel in spots and he will be doing that soon. There was some bridge damage to the overhead bridge near Browntown and Lee will get that fixed also.

Lee reported that the informational sign project has received some interest from some of the local tourism groups and he said that Belmont Tourism group has pledged \$550.00 and Ms. Flannery reported that Wayne Township and the Village of S. Wayne have each agreed to \$200. Lee said the Tri County ATV Club would put \$5,000 toward the project and it was agreed that the balance would be funded by the Trail Commission.

Tom has received a phone call from Mrs. Quinn on Sargent Road about the dust issue from the trail. Lee will look into what might be able to be done about this.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: Bob Voegeli gave a brief update on the status of several Green County roads being opened for ATV use.

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the updated 2020-2021 Status of Funds showing an up to date balance. It showed \$1,643 in unused funds from the Stateline Trailblazers and approximately \$1,100 from Fayette SnoGoers and Blackhawk Riders combined. A motion was made by Mr. Reichling and seconded by Ms. Fisker to allow Green County ATV Club to use the \$1,642 and Tri County ATV Club to use the \$1,100.00 for maintenance. The motion Carried. A motion to accept the Status of funds was made by Ms. Flannery and 2nd by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Blackhawk Riders (non-grooming maintenance) -\$306.00, Fayette SnoGoers (non-grooming maintenance) -\$771.00, Deb Krahenbuhl (Co-Coordinator's salary)-\$1,040.00, Southwest Graphic (CCT Stickers)-\$580.00. A motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Reichling to approve and the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: May 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Darlington at the Lafayette County Multipurpose building.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

submitted 5/25/21 TRJ