



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Meeting minutes of Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7 PM
Lafayette County Multipurpose Building
Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Torkelson, and Even of Green County along with Flannery, Berget, McGuire and Malott from Lafayette County, and Peterson from Iowa County. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and snowmobile club members.

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 Courthouse's, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Torkelson declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting.

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Jeff Berget and seconded by Luke McGuire to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2023, meeting was made by Luke McGuire with one change. The wording of the action "in closed session" should be changed to "from closed session". With that change, Donna Flannery seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Tom has received an email from Kurt Byfield from the DNR regarding the trail rehabilitation grant applications that he had submitted in April. Kurt would like photos of the areas where we would like gravel placed, to show the need for more base material. Tom will make a field trip on the trail to get these photos to Kurt. The pre- funding meeting will take place the end of June.

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

After some conversations with the PRTC coordinator, Misty Molzof, she explained that she has pressed formal charges against Dan Powers for removing trees from the PRTC rail corridor ROW. She will keep us informed as to how that lawsuit proceeds.

The Tri County ATV Club is looking to build an addition onto the pavilion in Calamine. While this committee has given its approval, the PRTC must also give approval since this building is located on their property. There is a special virtual meeting of the PRTC scheduled for June 2 at 1:00 PM and Tom will plan on participating to present the application.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs: Neither Lee or Craig were present at the meeting.

Legislative update: Rob McConnell was present and updated the Committee on a new piece of legislation (AB 260 & SB 262) which would make it illegal to possess open intoxicants while in a moving vehicle on any trail in Wisconsin. Rob will keep us informed of the progress of this important legislation.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None



Status of Funds: Tom presented the updated 2022-2023 Status of Funds showing an up to date balance. A motion to accept the Status of funds was made by Jeff Berget and 2nd by Kevin Peterson and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Deb Krahenbuhl -Trail Liaison services \$2,000.00. and Jewell Associates -Bridge design services -\$480.00. The total of all vouchers was \$2,480.00 A motion was made by Kurt Malott and seconded by Kevin Peterson to approve the vouchers and the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting will be in Monroe at the Courthouse at 7 PM on June 15.

Future Agenda Items:

- a. Disclosure of where gravel is placed and a detailed billing provided to the committee.
- b. Time limit of approved motion to use trail pass funds for emergency grading.
- c. Administration compensation for managing special trail grant projects.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Luke McGuire and seconded by Kurt Malott and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

submitted 6/12/23 TRJ