



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Meeting minutes of Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7 PM
Lafayette County Multi-Purpose Building
Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, Withee and Torkelson of Green County along with Reichling and Stauffacher from Lafayette County. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and snowmobile club members. Flannery, Fisker and Rolfsmeyer all had excused absences.

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 Mr. Withee and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Reichling, seconded by Mr. Blumer and the motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Tom gave a brief update on the maintenance money that needs to be spent before the end of June and will go over this later in the meeting under the Status of Funds report.

Update on Rip Rap project between Ferndale & Tibbets Road: Tom is in contact with Jewell & Associates and expects them to have the bid documents prepared soon so that this project can go to bid. They are working with the DNR to acquire the necessary permits for this project.

End of fiscal year reminder: Tom reminded all of the snowmobile and ATV clubs that perform maintenance along the trail that all bills for the current season need to be incurred and turned in before June 30, 2021.

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. Opening and closing of trail during snowmobile season. This item was placed on the agenda at the request of the Snowmobile Alliance. However, nobody from that group was present at the meeting to discuss their concern and so no action was taken.
- b. Update on informational signs along the trail: Lee reported that he has all of the materials necessary to build the new signs except for the upright posts and connecting pieces and will get them built as soon as he gets all of the material. Ms. Flannery was

not present, but Tom reported that she had a person in South Wayne that was interested in building and donating one there.

- c. Trail Usage and access during the Main St. construction in Darlington: Tom and Fuzzy North have been in contact with project manager, Barry Larson and it seems to be going ok. Fuzzy has been placing detour and wayfaring signs where and when necessary to inform the trail users of the correct way around the construction zone.

Lee reported that he has done some grading on the trail and will be doing his first round of mowing soon. Craig reported that Green County has placed 108 loads of gravel on the trail in Green County and have had it graded.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the updated 2020-2021 Status of Funds showing an up to date balance. Following an explanation from Tom on the need to encumber all of the funds before June 30, 2021, a motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Reichling and seconded by Mr. Withee. The motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Fayette SnoGoers (non-grooming maintenance) -\$260.00, Tri County ATV Club (ATV maintenance for grading) - \$2,329.52. A motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Stauffacher to approve and the motion carried.

Following the approval of vouchers, Mr. Torkelson questioned the coordinators salary for Deb Krahenbuhl. It is currently \$1,040 per year and he felt it wasn't adequate. A motion was then made by Mr. Blumer to raise her salary to \$2,000/year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reichling and the motion carried. The salary will go into effect beginning with the 2021-2022 season.

Date of next meeting: June 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM in Monroe at the Green County Courthouse.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stauffacher and seconded by Mr. Blumer and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

submitted 6/22/21 TRJ