



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Torkelson, and Even of Green County along with Flannery, Berget, and McGuire 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 Kevin Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2023 meeting was made by Melissa Even, and seconded by Luke McGuire 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 planning to join the Snowmobile council's grant funding review meeting via zoom on Monday June 19. The meeting is to be held in Rhinelander. The ATV council will meet on Tuesday June 20 and if possible Tom will join that meeting via zoom also.

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

The PRTC is pressing charges against Dan Powers for cutting and removing trees along the Cheese Country Trail just to the East of South Wayne. She will keep us up to date on the legal action.

Tom participated in the special meeting of the PRTC on June 2 and at that time following discussion, the PRTC agreed to allow the Tri County ATV Club to build an addition onto the Calamine Pavillion. Tom will have WI County Mutual Insurance issue the PRTC a certificate of insurance leaving them free of any liability from the construction of the addition.

Following some discussion last month, Melissa Even would like to see a time deadline placed onto her motion from last December, to use up to \$12,500 of Trail pass funds to repair and grade the trail before freeze up. Since she made the original motion, she would like to amend it to read that up to \$12,500 of trail pass funds could be used to repair the Cheese Country Trail, before and up to June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berget and the motion carried.

Following some discussion the last two months concerning the administration of special grant projects, a motion was made by Melissa Even and seconded by Kevin Peterson to approve up to 2% of an awarded grant for administration fees to be paid for project management as long it is

reimbursable by the grant itself. The motion is applicable for the current 23-24 grant funding cycle only and can be reviewed and amended at any time by the Tri County Trail Commission. By roll call vote: Even-yes, Torkelson-yes, McGuire-yes, Berget-yes, Peterson-yes. The motion carried.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs: The trail is being used a lot and is very dusty due to the lack of rain.

Legislative update: No report.

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 Kevin Peterson and 2nd by Melissa Even and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: WISNet for \$24.00 for website domain renewal, Green County ATV Club for grading with Snowmobile funds -\$2,688.00, Tri County ATV Club for mowing-\$3,693.00, Tri County ATV Club for grading -\$3,060.00 and Lafayette County Highway Department \$925.04 for grading. A motion was made by Kevin Peterson to approve the vouchers for payment, seconded by Melissa Even and the motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Peterson and seconded by Melissa Even and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.