



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, Withee 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 and Rolfsmeyer 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. Reichling seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer, seconded by Mr. Withee 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.

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. **Update on informational signs along the trail:** Lee reported that he was still waiting to get all of the materials in to build these signs. Donna Flannery will check with Ray Voltz from South Wayne regarding his offer to build one in South Wayne.

b. Trail Usage and access during the Main St. construction in Darlington:

Tom and Fuzzy North have been working with project managers Barry Larson and Ken Plowman to make sure ATV traffic is getting through the construction ok. It seems to be working good.

Lee reported that he has done some grading on the trail and will be doing his first round of mowing soon. He spent some of the remaining snowmobile funds to add gravel between Calamine and Darlington. He said the trail is getting a lot of use and that the campgrounds are nearly full every weekend. He also reported that there was some interest in seeing the age limit for road route operation of a UTV lowered to 14. There was some discussion and while it doesn't appear this committee is in favor of it, the road routes are a separate issue and will be on a future agenda for Lafayette County Highway Safety committee.

Craig reported that Green County's portion of the trail is being used a lot and that with the addition of 108 loads of gravel and grading, the trail is in good shape. Donna Flannery reported that Wayne Township has opened all of their roads to ATV/UTV travel.

Tom reported that he had received complaints about some signs that were put up along the trail advertising local businesses. No one granted permission for these signs and there is a policy and fee schedule in place for the placement of advertising. Tom and Lee will contact the businesses and have them removed.

Tom also received a complaint about ATV's tearing up the side of the trail near Walnut road and a request for some signage or barricades to prevent this. Tom and Lee will check this out and report back next month.

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 the vouchers presented at this meeting, all of the 2020-2021 funds will be spent. A motion to approve the Status of Funds was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Reichling and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Green County ATV Club - \$4,668.70 for gravel, Green County ATV Club - \$1,642.00 for gravel from Snowmobile funds, Ivey Construction -\$4,988.79 for ATV maintenance gravel and \$1,103.50 for snowmobile maintenance gravel. A total voucher of \$12,402.99. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Mr. Reichling and seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: July 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM in Lafayette County and the pavilion along the Cheese Country Trail on CTH G at 7 PM. Supper will be provided by Lee and the Tri County ATV Club.

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 7:54 PM.

submitted 7/19/21 TRJ