



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 7 PM
Calamine Pavillion (along the Cheese Country Trail)
Calamine, WI

Present: Committee members – Flannery, Berget (via Zoom), McGuire and substitute Larry Ludlum 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 Vice-Chair Donna Flannery 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. Ms. Flannery declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

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

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, meeting was made by Luke McGuire with a change to the vote recorded in the minutes that should read that Luke McGuire voted no in reference to the payment of an administration fee for special projects. The corrected minutes were seconded by Jeff Berget, and the motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Tom explained that he had sat in via a zoom meeting to the Snowmobile Council's initial review of grant applications. The Snowmobile Council had a couple of questions regarding the bridge rehabilitation requests and also felt that the gravel requests for trail rehabilitation, was not within the guidelines of snow grants. Tom will report next month on the results from the ATV grant portion of the application.

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

There is nothing new to report from the PRTC regarding the encroachment issue along the Cheese Country Trail east of South Wayne. Misty Molzof will keep us informed of any happenings when they occur.

After a special meeting of the PRTC, Tom reported that he has obtained verbal approval for the addition to the Calamine pavilion. He will need a signature from the Tri County Trails Commission Chairman to complete the permit application and also a certificate of insurance from our Insurance carrier, County Mutual, holding the PRTC harmless of any liability from the new addition.

Craig Shager reported that there was some areas that need graded from the large bridge near Browntown (West of CTH M) to the Lafayette County Line near South Wayne.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs: Deb Krahenbuhl mentioned that there are quite a few dirt bikes using the trail and was wondering if we are getting compensation from the

DNR's off road bike fees. She also felt that we should be promoting the use of off road bikes so that we could indeed get more revenue in trail pass funds.

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 Larry Ludlum and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Ivey Construction for ATV maintenance funds in the amount of \$14,140.96. Blackhawk Quarry Products for 22-23 Snowmobile funds for gravel in the amount of \$4,935.00, Bard Materials for Snowmobile and ATV funds for gravel in the amount of \$13,546.87 and Tri County ATV club for storm clean-up and grading in the amount of \$669.42. A motion was made by Kevin Peterson and seconded by Jeff Berget to approve the vouchers. The motion carried.

Following some discussion on when to hold the next meeting, it was decided that August 31 , 2023, would be the best date available and the meeting will be held in Monroe at the Courthouse at 7 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Peterson and seconded by Jeff Berget and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.