



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, July 21, 2022

Calamine Pavillion, Lafayette County

Along the Cheese Country Trail at 7 PM

Present: Committee members – Chairman Torkelson of Green County along with Flannery, McGuire, Malott and Berget (via phone) from Lafayette County. Coordinators Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl were present, along with Rob McConnell from the WATVA council. Even and Wilke from Green County were excused and the Iowa County representative was absent.

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, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Torkelson declared this a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Berget and seconded by Donna Flannery and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes as of the June 23, 2022, meeting was made by Luke McGuire and seconded by Kurt Malott and the motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Update on riprap project between Ferndale & Tibbets Road:

Tom is continuing to work with Jewell Associate Engineers of Spring Green to get this project completed this fall. When the bids were received on June 9th, they were a little over the funding provided by the DNR grants. Tom has applied for additional supplemental funding from both the Snowmobile council and the ATV council. He was successful in obtaining the additional funding from both councils that increased the grant by \$57,000 to a total of \$255,344. It is anticipated that with engineering (both design & construction), construction as bid and the additional area of rip-rapping downstream from the main project, the total cost will be about \$250,000. A big thank you to Rob McConnell for his help with getting the additional funding. Work is scheduled to begin in early September and Jewell will inform us of a starting date so that we can post the trail closure and detour routes and install proper signage. Tom needs permission from committee to sign and return the construction engineering contract with Jewell for the oversight of this project. The contract will be time and material and Tom will perform many of the site inspections himself to help keep the costs relatively low. We anticipate the total oversight cost to be around \$15,000.

A motion to approve this contract and have Tom sign on behalf of the Tri County Trails Commission, was made by Luke McGuire and seconded by Donna Flannery and the motion carried.

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 and Trail usage:

Lee McCarville and Craig Shager updated the committee on the trail usage. All segments are being used heavily each weekend and even during the week. For the most part

the trail is in pretty good shape and Lee, Don Carpenter and Jeff Voegeli had been grading and mowing as needed. Don and Craig are planning on some blacktop improvements as an intersection on their segment to prevent the washouts that are occurring.

Legislative update: Rob McConnell was present and continues to be a valuable resource to this committee as he provides legislative news and keeps us informed of funding available. He reported that there will be a funding meeting on August 31st in Mosinee and that if we are interested, we should check the website for details.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the updated 2021-2022 status of funds which shows the balances of funding that were spent from July 1 of 2021 to June 30 of 2022. The new funds for the 22-23 season will begin as of July 1, 2022, and must be used by June 30, 2023. The funding level is the same as previous years with snowmobile funds of \$17,250.00 and ATV/UTV funds of \$46,600.00. A motion was made by Donna Flannery to approve the status of funds report. The motion was seconded by Luke McGuire and the motion carried.

Vouchers: There was only 1 voucher to approve and that was for the Green County ATV Club in the amount of \$2,688 for grading and maintenance. A motion was made by Kurt Malott and 2nd by Luke McGuire to approve the voucher and the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: September 1, 2022, at 7 PM at the Green County Courthouse in Monroe.

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 7:45 pm.

Submitted 8/31/2022 TRJ