



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Meeting minutes of Thursday, August 31, 2023
Green County Courthouse
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Flannery, Berget, and McGuire from Lafayette County, Peterson from Iowa County and Torkelson and Even from Green County. Malott was excused and Wilke was also absent. 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 Courthouses, 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.

Approval of the agenda: A motion was made by Donna Flannery and seconded by Kevin Peterson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, meeting was made by Luke McGuire and seconded by Donna Flannery 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 has received the DNR Grant fund agreements for the 2023-2024 season for both Snowmobile Aid and ATV/UTV Aid. There was an increase in the per mile allocation for ATV/UTV from \$800/mile to \$1,000/mile. This amounts to \$11,500.00 more in funds for ATV maintenance for the Cheese Country Trail. The Snowmobile Aid remained the same at \$300/mile.

Tom also received word from the DNR that the Trail Rehabilitation and Bridge Rehabilitation applications have been approved by the ATV Council. Tom believes that the Snowmobile Council has approved funding for the Bridge Rehabilitation projects but not for the Trail Rehabilitation/gravel.

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

Tom has talked with Misty Molzof, who represents the PRTC. She indicated that the PRTC has served papers to the landowner that removed trees along the trail to the East of South Wayne. She indicated that the dollar amount of the fine is substantial. She promised to keep us informed of the progress of this legal action.

Craig Shager of the Green County ATV Club, reported that they had had Green County Highway Department do some grading on their portion of the trail and they were very pleased with the results.

Lee McCarville was not present to give any report on the condition or usage of the rest of the trail.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs: It was mentioned that we need to have representatives of the Snowmobile Clubs and/or the Alliance attend our next meeting so that we can begin the talks of getting the trail in shape for before Winter. Deb mentioned that she would like to see the Snowmobile clubs and the ATV maintenance personnel have better communication and work together for the common good of the Cheese Country Trail.

Legislative update: No report.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the updated 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Status of Funds showing up to date balances. A motion to accept the Status of funds was made by Melissa Even and 2nd by Jeff Berget and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Green County ATV Club for ATV maintenance funds (gravel and reground asphalt placed) in the amount of **\$8,800.21** (23-24 ATV Trail maintenance), and The Tri County ATV Club ; August Grading -\$3129.00, Mowing -\$2,850.00, July Grading- \$870.00, Storm Clean up - \$277.25 (2023-2024 ATV Trail Maintenance).

It was also reported that Deb has deposited \$1,160 into the Trail Pass account on Aug. 29, 2023. This will be entered into the Status of funds for the next meeting.

Nex meeting date: September 21, 2023, in Darlington at the Multipurpose building.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Even and seconded by Luke McGuire and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.