



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, October 26, 2023
7 PM at the Green County Courthouse - Courtroom
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Flannery and Berget from Lafayette County, Torkelson, and Even from Green County and Peterson from Iowa County. McGuire, Malott and Wilke were excused. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and snowmobile club members and Coordinator candidate, Max Blackburn and Lafayette County Conservation and Zoning administrator, Erica Sauer.

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 with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

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 September 21, 2023, meeting was made by Melissa Even 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 gave an update on the DNR seasonal maintenance grant fundings and said that as of this meeting he has not received any advancements for the 23-24 grant cycle. He will be contacting Kurt Byfield in regards to other outstanding requests for reimbursements.

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. There is nothing new to report on the lawsuit that the PRTC has filed against the landowner who has encroached on the trail property East of South Wayne and removed trees belonging on the trail corridor. Tom will stay in contact with Misty regarding this action.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs: Both Tom and Deb have been receiving calls from interested ATV/UTV enthusiasts to see if the trail is still open. There has been a lot of interest in fall riding.

Kevin Peterson made a motion that the Committee go into closed session to discuss the hiring and compensation for the replacement of the Trail coordinator. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berget and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Following closed session discussion, Jeff Berget made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Peterson and was unanimously approved by role call vote. There was no action taken on the discussion from closed session.

Legislative update: No report.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request : None

Status of Funds: There was no change to the Status of Funds, so therefore there was no need to approve anything.

Vouchers: There were no vouchers presented for payment.

Next meeting date: November 16, 2023, at 7 PM in Darlington at the Lafayette County Multi-purpose building.

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 8:15 PM.