



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, March 16 at 7 PM
Lafayette County Multipurpose building
Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Torkelson and Even of Green County along with Flannery, Berget, McGuire and Malott 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 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.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Berget, seconded by Kevin Peterson and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 meeting was made by Ms. Even and seconded by Mr. 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 has received word from Kurt Byfield of the DNR that the request for additional funds for the Rip Rap project have been approved and that Kurt will process those and we will be receiving an additional \$10,000.00. Tom also explained that he will be working on additional grant requests for work to be done on the Cheese Country Trail. He plans to request funding for some additional gravel to be placed on stretches of the trail, some bridge rehabilitation money along with the normal seasonal maintenance requests.

Discussion and update on general maintenance, signage or encroachment issues along the

Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs: It has been brought to the attention of the committee that someone has been clearing trees along the trail just East of South Wayne. It is believed that a landowner has been clearing trees along the trail and selling the logs. We will find out more about this and report it to the PRTC who owns the corridor and will decide if any action is necessary.

The Tri County ATV Club is looking to build an addition onto the pavilion in Calamine. While this committee has given its approval, the PRTC must also give approval since this building is located on their property. Tom has reached out to them and waiting to hear back.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs:

Lee McCarville was not present to give a trail condition update, however there has been numerous reports of branches and brush across the trail that will have to be cleared before we can open it to ATV traffic.

Craig Shager said that the Green County portion of the trail needs some work done to it before we can open it to ATV traffic.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: There was some discussion regarding the Trail Coordinators compensation and following that discussion, Melissa Even made a motion to have this on the agenda for next month's meeting and to go into closed session to discuss it. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berget and the motion carried. Tom will include this on the April agenda.

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 Jeff Berget and 2nd by Kurt Malott and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Blackhawk Riders for snow grooming and maintenance - \$1,870.00, Fayette SnoGoers for snow grooming - \$680.00, Tom Jean for Trail coordinator salary - \$5,000.00, Mineral Point T-Riders for snow grooming- \$2,560.00 and Stateline Trailblazers for snow grooming -\$96.00. The total of all vouchers was \$10,206. A motion was made by Melissa Even and seconded by Kevin Peterson to approve the vouchers and the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: April 20, 2023, in Monroe at the Green County Courthouse at 7 PM.

Future Agenda Items: Coordinators job description and compensation in closed session.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Melissa Even and seconded by Kevin Peterson and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.