

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Lafayette County Courthouse, Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Ludlum and Wiegel of Lafayette County, Blumer, and Roth from Green County. Ross from Iowa County and Fiduccia from Green County had excused absences.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. 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. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion by Wolfe and second by Wiegel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Ludlum and second by Roth to approve the November 16, 2017, minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail:

Tom has submitted the request for reimbursement for the 2016-2017 ATV/UTV Grant # 3429. The total amount we are eligible for is \$46,000 and we did not receive any advancement on this grant, therefore we should be getting the full amount that we submitted for.

Tom is working with FEMA representatives to secure some funding for repair work and addition of base materials to areas of the trail that were affected by the July 19-23, 2017 flooding. Estimates of material lost and clean up done is about \$45,000.

There are still some environmental issues that the DNR must permit for the 15-16 bridge rehabilitation grants. This pertains to the Cricket frog and the Long Eared Bats. As soon as these issues are resolved we should see an advancement of money toward this project and be able to proceed as soon as weather permits. The grants were broken up in two separate categories totaling \$42,600, one from Snowmobile funds and the other from ATV funds.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: The Highway Department graded a portion of the trail before freeze up and was planning on adding some base material and fines from the FEMA account but didn't have time. We will address this issue again in the Spring. The T-Riders Snowmobile Club did some brushing from Calamine to Mineral Point.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs:

The trail is currently closed to all traffic. There is not enough snow to have it open for snowmobiles and we have had several days of above average temperatures that could potentially do damage if we allowed ATV's on it

Deb mentioned that she needed to order more trail pass stickers. A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Wolfe to allow Deb to purchase 1,000 trail pass stickers and to distribute them to the network of places to sell them. Motion carried.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request: None.

Status of Funds: Tom presented the current Status of Funds. A motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Wolfe to approve the current report. Motion carried.

Vouchers: Two vouchers were presented for payment. One from the Lafayette County Highway Dept. for grading - \$2,672.82 and the other from County Mutual Insurance for liability Insurance and the deductible fund deposit for a total of \$409.00. Deb has also made 3 deposits; trail pass deposits of \$870.00 on 12/27/17 and \$925 on 12/28/17 along with a Liability Insurance dividend of \$10.00 on 12/26/17. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Ludlum and seconded by Wiegel. Motion Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Feb. 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM. in Iowa County at the Mineral Point City Hall.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 2/19/18 trj