

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION  
Thursday, March 29, 2018  
Mineral Pt. Firehouse, Mineral Pt. WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Ludlum, Larson and Wiegel of Lafayette County, Blumer from Green County. Roth and Fiduccia from Green County had excused absences and Ross was absent from Iowa County. Matt Horner from the PRTC was also present along with several ATV club members.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom 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 Wiegel and second by Ludlum to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Blumer and second by Wiegel to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

**Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail:** 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 \$42,000. Tom reported that the FEMA process seems to be much more in depth and cumbersome than he remembered in previous declarations. He will continue to work with FEMA to see if we are eligible to receive funding.

Tom is still working to finalize the grant funding for the bridge rehabilitation grants from the 2015-16 cycle so that Lee can get working on those repairs.

**Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail:** Lee is planning on grading the trail as soon as all of the frost is out and will open it as soon as possible. All of the signage and field crossings need some attention. There was discussion as to the size of aggregate that needs to be placed. The fines that we have been using just aren't substantial enough and it is the feeling of the committee that ¾" gravel should be used. There was also discussion relating to the signs that are located at each trail head designating open/close and the need for a better system to inform the trail users. Solar powered signs were discussed and Fuzzy and Tom will investigate this further.

**Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs:** The trail is currently closed to all traffic but should be opened soon. Paul McCarville said that his snowmobile club would like to do some repairs on some bridges with snowmobile money that wasn't spent on grooming due to lack of snow. Deb said that she was questioned by Bruce Gardiner about the ownership of the pavilion in Calamine and who is responsible for the taxes. Tom will contact Bruce regarding this.

**Legislative update:** None

**Public comment:** Matt Horner from the Pecosonca Rail Transit Authority was at the meeting. He said that he was concerned about any encroachments and trail crossings along the trail. Tom and Matt talked briefly about the Tuller Lane bridge just to the West of South Wayne.

**Fencing Request.** None.

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

**Vouchers:** Two vouchers were presented for payment. One from Tom for the coordinators annual salary of \$4,000 and the other from Southwest Graphics for printing trail pass stickers in the amount of \$580.00. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Ludlum and seconded by Wiegel. Motion Carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 26, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Green County at the Green County Courthouse.

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

Submitted: 2/27/18 trj