

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Thursday, April 26, 2018
Green County Courthouse, Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer from Green County. Torkelson and Winters from Green County and Ross from Iowa County was absent.

Mr. Wolfe acted as the chairman and 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 but there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

No action could be taken on the agenda.

No action could be taken on the minutes of the March 29 meeting.

No new chairman was elected since there wasn't enough members present to constitute a quorum.

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 will continue to get permitting for the bridge rehabilitation project near Gratiot.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail

Lee has been grading some of the trail and will continue the Spring maintenance. There was some discussion as to the use of the remaining Snowmobile funds. Stateline Trailblazers have given permission to the Green County ATV Club to use their remaining funds to help with trail maintenance and the other Snowmobile Clubs will be asked to do the same for Lee and the Tri County ATV Club.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

The trail will be open soon to all ATV/UTV use. The County is ready to grade the trail and apply some needed gravel where the flood of last July did damage. Green County ATV Club would like the County to grade their portion of the trail as well.

Gerald Heimann has received some complaints about some reckless users of the trail doing damage by spinning and rutting the surface. Hopefully we'll be able to find out who is doing the damage and let the warden or law enforcement know.

The WisNet website needs to be looked at and upgraded. Lafayette County has launched a new website and Economic Development Director, Abby Haas has invited this group to meet and learn what can be done to further enhance it and make it user friendly.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: Melissa Even from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce introduced herself and requested information on how Lafayette County established road routes and what process Lafayette County use to assure DNR compliance.

Fencing Request: None.

Status of Funds: Tom presented the current status of funds. No approval was included.

Vouchers: Only one voucher was presented for payment. Blackhawk Rider snowmobile club presented a grading, grooming, and brushing bill for \$1,329.00. A motion was made by Heimann and seconded by Bartels to approve with Russ Torkelson from Green County providing a phone approval. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 24, 2018, at 7:00 PM. in Lafayette County at the Lafayette County Courthouse.

Submitted: 5/22/18 trj