



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, August 23, 2018

Green County Courthouse, Monroe WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, and Bartels of Lafayette County and Blumer, Torkelson and Winters from Green County. No one was present from Iowa County.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Heimann at 7 PM and he 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 to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Blumer, seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 meeting was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Bartels. The motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail - Tom is working on finalizing the 2017-2018 grant reimbursement requests. He is also checking to see how much of the FEMA grant money is remaining from the July 2017 flood declaration and is checking with Annie from the DNR regarding the bridge rehabilitation grant availability.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail - The PRTC has made a decision in regards to the Ivey Construction parking lot and are requiring Ivey's to remove the lot from the Rail right of way. Mr. Wolfe attended the last meeting of the PRTC and expressed the Tri County Trail Commission's view that the parking lot was an asset to the Cheese Country Trail, but that seemed to fall on deaf ears.

Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs - Lee has been grading from Calamine to Belmont and trimming some low hanging branches where needed along with mowing. Tom mentioned that he had been contacted by Max Blackbourn of the NRCS about the possibility of rip rapping an area adjacent to the trail along the Pecatonica River between Calamine and Mineral Point near Tibbits Road.

Legislative update - None.

Public comment - Tom is waiting to hear from Liam Kivirist about his Eagle Scout project that he is proposing to complete to help promote the Cheese Country Trail with the use of drone photography. Liam has presented his idea to his troop leaders and awaits approval.

Fencing Request - None

Status of Funds - Tom presented the Status of funds which showed that all of the ATV/UTV and Snowmobile funds for fiscal year 2017-2018 have been used up. The new DNR grant funding for the 18-19 season are shown as well. It also showed a balance in the fencing fund of \$2,122.52, in the Trust Fund of \$31,736.51, and in the Trail Pass Account of \$76,894.70. A motion to accept the status of funds was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Bartels. The motion passed.

Vouchers - Vouchers presented for payment included Tri County ATV Club for trail maintenance in the amount of \$9,142.00. A motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Torkelson to approve, the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 20, 2018 in Monroe at the Green County Courthouse.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Heimann and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.