



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse - Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer, Schwartz and Torkelson from Green County. Butteris from Iowa County and Schilling from Lafayette County were absent. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Heimann at 7:00 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. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Torkelson. The motion carried.

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

Tom reported that he did receive a check from the Wisconsin Emergency Management from the FEMA flood declaration of October 7, 2017. This was a declaration due to the flooding of July of 2017. The total damage that we claimed due to that event was \$36,177.81. The Federal portion (75%) of the damage repayment and the check was in the amount of \$27,133.36. Tom gave the check to Deb who deposited it our account. According to the letter that accompanied the check, we are supposed to be getting the State's share of the damage (12.5%) additionally or \$4,522.23. Tom will check with Theresa Burgess on when we can expect to see that check.

Tom has also been working to get funding to stabilize an 850-foot area along the trail between Ferndale road and Tibbets road. He recently received an e-mail from Kurt Byfield from the DNR that the storm damage repair funding has been conditionally approved – 50% Snow & 50% ATV. We need to submit a formal storm damage grant application for the repairs including pictures, maps and estimates. We will then be issued a grant based on the preliminary estimate of \$163,000 and once the bids are received, it can be amended accordingly.

With the grant being conditionally approved for the riprap project between Ferndale and Tibbets Road, Tom has talked with Fred Gruber of Jewell & Associates regarding engineering and surveying for this project. Jewell and Associates have submitted a Professional Service Agreement proposal for the TCTC consideration. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Bartels to sign

the agreement with Jewell & Associates to do the surveying and engineering so that we can apply for the grant money for this project. By voice vote, the motion carried.

Lee has completed work on the bridge rehabilitation and needs to submit all of the invoices to Tom, in order for the Tri County Trail Commission to get reimbursed by the DNR for the work completed.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs:

The trail is currently closed from Calamine to Belmont due to several areas of washouts and water still running across the trail. The worst area is near Tanglewood Ranch, just to the West of CTH O. There are also two or three bridges that have debris stacked up against them and it needs to be removed.

Craig Shager reported that the Green County portion of the trail received a lot of damage from the flooding also and is in need of material and grading.

Bob Voegeli reported that Green County has been getting some road routes open also.

Legislative update: Tom explained that the State legislature

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the Status of funds which showed the 2019-2020 funds up to the end of Sept. It also shows the flood rehabilitation account assuming that we are going to receive the \$88,000. It shows the \$27,133.36 FEMA grant from the July 2017 event that we received in late September. So far \$71,028.67 has been spent on flood repairs from the Oct. 2018 and March 2019 events. It also reflects only \$12,889.95 for labor, equipment and materials toward the bridge rehabilitation grant. A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Bartels to approve the status of funds report, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Ivey Construction for shot rock used in flood damage repair -\$5,254.95 ATV maintenance; Tri County ATV Club - \$7,491.00 for flood damage repair; Lafayette County Highway Dept. \$1,363.53 for flood damage repair; McCarville Trucking \$3,623.36 for Bridge rehabilitation; Green County ATV Club \$2,025.00 for trail maintenance; Blackhawk Riders \$1,149.00 Snowmobile non-grooming trail maintenance; and Bard Materials \$5,347.28 for Bridge rehabilitation. The total of vouchers was \$26,254.12. A motion to approve the vouchers and pay them was made by Torkelson and seconded by Bartels.

Date of next meeting: Nov. 21, 2019 at the Lafayette County Multi-Purpose Building, Darlington, WI at 7 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Heimann and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted 11/21/19 TRJ

