



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse - Monroe, WI

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

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wolfe 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. Wolfe 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. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Schilling and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Torkelson 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 updated the committee on the status of the flood rehabilitation grants, the progress of the bridge rehabilitation grants, and the current ATV-UTV and Snowmobile grants. Tom is currently working with Jewell and Associates to complete the surveying near Tibbitts Road rip rap project. A survey must be completed and a solid cost estimate needs to be done in order to complete the application. Once that is done and approved, we can proceed with bid letting, permitting and construction – hopefully this summer.

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 from the damage of the Sept. flooding. Lee is waiting for the trail to freeze solid so that he can repair the washed out area and clear the debris from below the bridges.

Paul is planning on doing some brushing from Bethel Grove Road toward Calamine, with snowmobile funds.

As of now, the trail is still open for ATV use and once there is adequate snow, it will be open to snowmobiles and closed to ATV's until Spring.

Legislative update: None.

Public comment: None.

Fencing request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the Status of funds which showed the 2019-2020 funds up to December 18, 2019. It shows the flood rehabilitation account assuming that we are going to receive the \$88,190.00 and the addition of \$27,133.36 in FEMA grant from the July 2017 event that we received in late September. So far \$89,282.19 has been spent on flood repairs from the Oct. 2018 and March 2019 events. It also reflects \$23,689.09 for labor, equipment and materials toward the bridge rehabilitation grant. A motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Schwartz to approve the status of funds report, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from Lafayette County Highway Department for grading on the Green County portion of the trail. The amount was \$1,849.99. A motion to approve this voucher was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried. There were a couple of other invoices presented for payment, but Tom wanted to review them before asking that they be approved.

Date of next meeting: January 23, 2020 at the Lafayette County Multipurpose building in Darlington at 7 PM.

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

Submitted 1/23/20 TRJ