



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 7 PM

Calamine Pavilion

Calamine, WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, Torkelson and Withee of Green County along with Reichling, Flannery, Stauffacher and Fisker from Lafayette County. The Iowa County representative, Richard Rolfsmeyer was not present. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Torkelson, at 7:00 p.m . 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. Torkelson 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 Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting was made by Mrs. Fisker, seconded by Mr. Reichling and the motion carried.

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

Tom answered questions from the committee regarding grant applications and request for reimbursements. Rob McConnell from the ORV Council was present and also added some insight into the best time to apply for grant funding. He said that because of the COVID pandemic, ATV/UTV registrations are up considerably this year and that puts more money into the project funds; therefore, it would be a good time to apply for special project funding.

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

Lee reported that the trail was generally in good shape. It was noted that from Gratiot to South Wayne there are a lot of potholes that have developed from increased use. Lee plans to grade that portion of the trail soon. Green County has hired the Lafayette County Highway Dept. to grade their portion of the trail and that has been completed. Lee will begin grading and

mowing within a week or two. We have had a couple of storm events that have created the need for clearing downed trees and brush and repairing washouts.

Lee made mention that most of the traffic on the trail is coming from out of area users and that locals are mainly using road routes.

Legislative update: Rob McConnell from the Off Road Vehicle Council was present and explained that ATV and UTV sales are up along with gun sales. Because of that the programs have seen an influx of money and now is the right time to apply for enhancement project funding. There will be a State funding meeting in Weston on August 26.

Rob also explained and answered some questions regarding the new law that went into effect prohibiting riding double on an ATV unless specifically equipped for it. He explained that it was one of the laws that was hidden in the budget bill and no discussion was really held about it.

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds: Tom presented the Status of Funds report through June 30, 2020. A motion to accept the Status of funds report was made by Mr. Blumer and 2nd by Mrs. Fisker, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Bard Materials for gravel for trail maintenance, flood rehabilitation and bridge rehabilitation - \$8,822.09, Fayette Snowmobile Club for grooming-\$1,099.00 and non-grooming-\$231.00, Lafayette County Highway Dept.- Flood rehabilitation culvert \$2,908.00, Tri County ATV Club \$5,426.00 for trail maintenance and \$1,192.00 for bridge rehabilitation, Voegeli Landscaping \$218.00 for flood rehabilitation, and WISNET.com \$25.32 for website services.

Date of next meeting: Aug. 20, 2020 at 7 PM in Monroe at the Green County Courthouse.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Fisker and seconded by Mr. Withee and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

A special thanks to Lee McCarville, Deb Krahenbuhl, Fuzzy and Jean North and the members of the Tri County ATV Club for providing food and beverages for the meeting.

Submitted 8/18/20 TRJ