

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

June 28, 2012

7:00PM

Lafayette County Courthouse – Darlington, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Shea, Wiegel, and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth of Green County. Absent, Mrozinski of Iowa County, Williams and Koopmans of Green County

Guests Present: Members of local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

The Tri-County Trail Commission meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by committee Chairman Gerald Heimann.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Ms. Krahenbuhl verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses and the Darlington Municipal Building, Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County and Lafayette County website. Mr. Heimann declared a legal meeting of the Tri-County Trail Commission.

Motion, by Mr. Wolfe second, by Mr. Guth to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Wiegel second, by Mr. Shea to approve the minutes as written of the May 24, 2012 meeting. Mr. Guth suggested that the sentence in the trail impact study section be rewritten to include civic, economic and local governmental units would be contacted to be informed of the study results. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion, update, possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Wolfe reported that a phone conference with the core group of the study was postponed until July. The group is gathering pictures and putting the fine touches on the summary sheets that will be shared.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Deb reported that the permits have been issued for the rip-rap projects and the wildlife pond. The next step will be to put the projects out for bidding. There was some discussion on who the commission would have do the surveying in Calamine for the pond. The project is slated to start mid-August.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail; All agreed the trail is in good shape and is getting a lot of use.

Discussion and possible action on usage of the CCT by horse and buggy: After some discussion of the problems with the use of horse and buggy on the CCT there was a motion by Mr. Shea, second by Mr. Wiegel to prohibit horse and buggy use of the CCT

for purposes of travel to and from a home. The discussion mainly focused around the point that the CCT is for recreational purposes and there is also concern for the safety of all users. There will be signage placed in the areas that there has been horse and buggy usage.

Public comment: Rob McConnell reported that the ORV Council recently met to approve projects that were considered for funding from ATV funds. As usual there were many more requests than there was money. There was a request from the City of Darlington for blacktop thru the city limits and in the campground. The request was denied. Rob also spoke of the maintenance money increase from \$450 per mile to \$600 per mile. This increase should help with getting some smaller projects completed along the CCT.

Trail Update: The CCT trail is open and is in good shape. There has been some new material placed on the CCT, grading of the trail will be done in the next week or so. Due to the dry conditions, mowing has been put on hold.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report for May/June. Deb noted that in the bills we will be depleting the ATV and snowmobile maintenance funds by the deadline of June 30. Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Shea to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Bills presented tonight include Bard Materials \$1995.96, Ivey Construction \$7669.82, Ross Soil Service \$1176.50 and Tri County ATV Club \$1591.20 all funds were used for maintenance of the CCT. Total of voucher 5065 is \$12433.48. Motion, by Mr. Guth, second, by Mr. Wolfe to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, 2012 in Lafayette County. The meeting will be held trailside in Calamine with a picnic supper to follow.

Before the meeting was adjourned Deb read her resignation letter as the Tri County Trails Coordinator. She told the group that she would continue her duties until a replacement could be found. There was some discussion on what the responsibilities of the position have been and should be. This item will be on the agenda for next months meeting. All the members of the group thanked Deb for her time and efforts.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wiegel to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.