

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

July 26, 2012

7:00PM

Lafayette County – Cheese Country Trailside – Calamine, WI

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

Guests Present: Members of local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

The Tri-County Trail Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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. Koopmans to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the minutes as written of the June 28, 2012 meeting. Mr. Koopmans noted that in the section relating to the horse and buggy section of the agenda there was a motion but no result of the motion. Deb will add that the motion passed by voice vote. 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 there had been a conference call and the fact sheets were approved and will be ready for distribution in early August. The full printed report of the study will be printed and published early in the fall of 2012. Leon will be sharing the fact sheets with the Darlington City Council at a future city council meeting.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Deb reported that the request for bids has been placed in the Republican Journal and will be published for 2 weeks. The bids are due to Deb on August 1, 2012. Deb will contact Mr. Heimann when the bids are received and they will review. Mr. Heimann will review the bids with the rest of the committee members via phone and email. Mr. Heimann will let Deb know whom she should contact to award the project work to. Each location and the wetland scrape will be bid separately this could provide the project to be split among the two known bidders.

Mr. Wiegel said that he would propose to the PRTC that they contribute some funds to get the property surveyed in Willow Springs Township for the wetland scrape. There was a motion by Mr. Guth, second by Mr. Koopmans to have the property surveyed in

Willow Springs Township (Calamine) early in August. Voice vote, motion carried. The project is still slated to begin on or around August 16, 2012.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: The trail is in good shape. No other discussion.

Discussion and possible action on defining the responsibilities of the coordinator position and recruitment of a new coordinator: Deb passed out a document listing all of the duties that she is responsible for as the coordinator for the Cheese Country Trail. Deb explained that a job description will need to be created and approved by the trail commission. The job description would then need to go to the human resources committee for approval and that committee would decide if the position would be posted and refilled. Deb explained that in other counties the work that she is doing for the trail commission is usually handled by the parks and recreation department of the county. Lafayette County does not have a parks and recreation department. There was some discussion about splitting the duties up among possibly a couple of people. There was also some discussion about adding the non Cheese Country Trail miles paperwork to the position as well. Mr. Guth expressed that the position should also include more marketing and promoting of the trail system. He also suggested that as a result of the trail study that there should be a reorganization of the TCTC to include representation from chambers of commerce, tourism and economic development groups as well as communities along the trail. Deb told the group that she will continue to work in the role until a replacement is found and she will work with the replacement to assure a smooth transition. This item will be on next months agenda for further discussion and development.

Public comment: Rob McConnell reported that the ORV Council will be meeting in August to finalize the funding requests that were approved at the July meeting. Rob also invited the group to a Trail Conference that will be held in Antigo, WI on August 17 & 18, there will be education sessions and swap meet.

Trail Update: The CCT trail is open and is in good shape. Don Noble of the Green County ATV Club reported that they had some storm damage clean up on July 24 & 25. Don also mentioned that the Green County club is looking for more parking area in Monroe.

Lee McCarville of the Tri County ATV Club reported that they had storm damage clean up on July 24 & 25 also. The trail has been graded and mowed. People are using the road routes more this summer to avoid the dust. There is a stop sign in Gratiot that needs to be replaced. Lee also reported to the group that the Tri County ATV Club is interested in putting up a shelter/pavilion in Calamine. The commission members will mention at the PRTC meeting to see if there is any opposition from them.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report for June. There were no questions or discussion Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wolfe to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Bills presented tonight include Bard Materials \$4358.72 and Tri County ATV Club \$5822.86 the funds were used for gravel, maintenance and storm cleanup on the CCT. Total of voucher 5066 is \$10181.58. Motion, by Mr. Wolfe, second, by Mr. Koopmans to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 7PM in Green County.

Motion, by Mr. Wiegel second, by Mr. Guth to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.