

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

October 25, 2012

7:00PM

Lafayette County – Lafayette County Courthouse – Darlington, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Shea, Wiegel, and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth and Koopmans of Green County Absent: Williams of Green County and Lindholm 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. Koopmans second, by Mr. Shea to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the minutes as written of the September 27, 2012 meeting. Mr. Guth would like the September minutes to be amended to reflect that Mr. Doyle of Green County would consider the responsibilities of the coordinator position if no one could be found from Lafayette County. Voice vote, motion carried with the change noted.

Discussion, update, possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Guth reported that he did make a presentation at the Green County Economic Development meeting on the study of the Cheese Country Trail. The information was well received. Mr. Guth will be meeting with John McNeil of Big Easy Radio of Monroe to promote the Cheese Country Trail thru radio spots on the local radio station.

Mr. Wolfe has let Suzi Osterday of the Darlington Chamber know that he is available for presentations around the Darlington area.

The completed full report is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Deb reported that she did get official notification of the increase in maintenance funds for the CCT. The increase for maintenance funds for the CCT is \$9600.00. Deb also reported that the rip-rap project along the Pecatonica River that was awarded to Kojak excavating was not completed by October 15, 2012 the project work window. The DNR has been extending the work

window on a week to week basis depending on the weather conditions. The spring 2013 work window for the rip-rap project is April 8 thru May 19.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: The trail is in good shape and continues to see good ridership thru autumn and into the colder weather. It was mentioned that a storage building is being put up by Mike's Engine Works out near the cabins along the CCT. The structure does not appear to be an encroachment issue.

Discussion and possible action on defining the responsibilities of the coordinator position and recruitment of a new coordinator: Deb created a job description for the tri county trails coordinator position. There was a motion by Mr. Wolfe second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the job description as written. Voice vote, motion approved. There was some discussion about how to move forward with the job. Mr. Heimann has a question into Steve Elmer, corporation counsel about whether the job does or does not need to be filled by a county employee. Mr. Heimann will contact Mr. Elmer again for an opinion. The committee will need an opinion on this question before they can move forward with filling the position. There was some discussion on if the duties could be shared among a couple of people. The consensus of the group is to try and keep all the duties with one person. The group does think that possibly the website work could be handled by someone other than the coordinator. Deb will continue to work with the committee as the coordinator until a replacement can be found. The job description will be sent out as a separate attachment with the minutes and agenda next month as a reference.

Public comment: None

Trail Update: Lee McCarville of the Tri-County ATV Club reported that the CCT trail is open and is in good shape. The Lafayette and Iowa County miles of the CCT have been graded and there are gravel being added to an area near Slough Lane by Bard Materials of Darlington. Ivey's of Mineral Point will also be spreading gravel on some areas between Darlington and Calamine. The T-Riders section of the trail has also been mowed. The cost of the mowing was a shared expense between the T-Riders Snowmobile Club and the Tri-County ATV Club.

Don Noble of the Green County ATV Club reported that the Green County section of the CCT has been mowed and graded. This will be the last grading by both ATV clubs for the year.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

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

Approval of Vouchers: Bills presented tonight include Green County ATV Club \$2020.40 for grading and mowing, Tri County ATV Club \$2785.36 for grading and mowing. Both of the bills will be charged to ATV maintenance. Total of voucher 5069

is \$4805.76. Motion, by Mr. Guth, second, by Mr. Wiegel to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 7PM in Green County at the Green County Courthouse, 2nd floor, Monroe, WI.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm