

## TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

November 29 2012

7:00PM

Green County – Green County Courthouse – Monroe, WI

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

Guests Present: Members of local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

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

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes as written of the October 25, 2012 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion, update and possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Guth reported that he gave a presentation to the Visitors and Promotion committee in Monroe. The presentation went well and the group was impressed with the results of the survey. Mr. Guth will be giving a presentation to the Green County Tourism group in February of 2013. Mr. Wolfe reported that he will be giving presentations to the Darlington City Council and the Darlington Chamber of Commerce in December of 2012.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail. This discussion will include the possible addition of bridge repairs on the Cheese Country Trail: Deb reported that Kojak has not yet worked on the rip-rap projects on the Pecatonica River south of Darlington. The projects will now need to be completed in the spring work window as assigned by the environmental and endangered species people within the DNR. Deb reported that bridge work has been completed on 3 bridges in Lafayette County and the bill is being presented for payment in the voucher later in the agenda.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: There have been no issues reported to the trail coordinator.

Discussion and possible action-assigning snowmobile club maintenance miles on the Cheese Country Trail: After little discussion, there was a motion by Mr. Guth, second by Mr. Wiegel to assign snow maintenance miles as follows:

- Monroe Stateline Trail Blazers - 10 Miles
- Mineral Point T-Riders – 25 Miles
- Fayette Sno-Goers – 17 Miles
- Blackhawk Riders – 12 Miles

Voice vote, motion carried.

Mr. Wolfe will keep an eye on the conditions of the CCT during the snowmobile season and report any problems to the coordinator and the committee. Snow maintenance will be reviewed and discussed at the winter meetings.

Discussion and possible action – erection of a pavilion on railroad right of way in Calamine adjacent to the Cheese Country Trail: Deb handed out a plan of a proposed pavilion the Tri County ATV Club would like to place along the CCT in Calamine. The structure would have a roof with a ceiling, cement floor and open sides. The structure would be 24 feet by 30 feet. The Lafayette County Planning and Zoning office has approved the plans and given a permit for the project. The project will need approval of the PRTC and the club would like to build the structure in the spring of 2013.

Discussion and possible action – creating job description for trail coordinator and recruitment of a coordinator: There was some discussion among the committee as to how the duties of the coordinator could be split up among two or more persons. It has been determined that the coordinator does not have to be a county employee. Deb has offered to continue to sign the grant applications and requests as the official signature for those documents. There has been some interest shown by another party in taking over some of the responsibilities of the coordinator. The interested party and Deb are to get together and present a plan to the committee at the December meeting.

Public comment: Rob McConnell of WATVA reported that the off road motorcycle enthusiasts are looking to becoming registered users of the DNR trails in Wisconsin. This will be a long process. Rob also reminded everyone that the first weekend of June every year is a free weekend of state trail use. There was some discussion about how the local clubs could promote that particular weekend. This item will be put on the April agenda.

Trail Update: Paul McCarville of the T-Riders Snowmobile Club reported that they have some trimming to do and some signing to complete. Monroe Stateline Trail Blazers – no report, Fayette Sno-Goers – no report. Green County ATV Club had no report related to trail update, but did ask about a special grant funds for road approaches in Green County, in particular Franklin Rd where the CCT crosses. Green County ATV and snowmobile clubs also asked about putting up a protective fence near the Bill Cowell Memorial on the CCT. This item will be on the December meeting agenda.

Paul McCarville of the T-Riders snowmobile club reminded the committee that the CCT should only be open to ATV riders this time of the year when the temperature is 28

degrees and below with less than 2 inches of snow. This rule was put in place years ago in the charter and he would like to see it enforced to protect the railroad bed from damage in soft terrain. The committee did instruct the coordinator to close the CCT on December 3, 2012, stating that ATV's could use it when the temperature was 28 degrees and below with less than 2 inches of snow cover.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report and reviewed with the committee for October and there was little discussion. Motion, by Mr. Wiegel second, by Mr. Wolfe to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5070 was presented for payment. Invoices included; Bard Materials \$1093.09, Ivey Construction \$2410.89 and Lee McCarville \$15950.00. Total payment amount for voucher #5070 is \$19453.98. Motion, by Mr. Shea second, by Mr. Williams to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 7PM in Lafayette County at the Lafayette County Courthouse Darlington, WI.

Motion, by Ms. Lindholm second, by Mr. Shea to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.