

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

February 28, 2013

7:00PM

Green County – Green County Courthouse – Monroe, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Wiegel and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth, Koopmans and Williams of Green County. Absent: Lindholm of Iowa County and Shea of Lafayette 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. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to move item 8 to item 5 on the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the minutes as written of the January 24, 2013 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action – creating job description for trail coordinator and recruitment of a coordinator. This discussion will include the possibility of Noreen Rueckert of Green County Tourism to take over the responsibilities of the website: Mr. Guth introduced Noreen Rueckert of Green County Tourism. Noreen has expressed interest in taking over the responsibilities of the website. She explained to the committee that she was involved with the initial set up of the website and is also familiar with the website host that we are currently using (Wisnet.com). Mr. Guth suggested that Noreen could maybe help out with the promotion of the CCT thru the posts and messages that would be posted on the website. She would not be looking for additional compensation as she feels she could do these tasks as part of her regular work day. Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wolfe to have Noreen take over the duties of the website for the trail commission. Voice vote, motion carried.

Mr. Heimann spoke to the committee about Tom Jean of the Lafayette County Highway department taking over the rest of the duties of the trail coordinator. The highway department is requesting an annual compensation of \$4000. The funds would be taken from the trail sticker money that is collected each year. Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wolfe to have the Lafayette County Highway department take over the coordinator duties at an annual rate of \$4000. Voice vote, motion carried. Deb will work with the highway department thru the transition. The transition will begin April 1, 2013.

Mr. Heimann spoke to the committee about compensating Deb for the work that she has been doing as the coordinator since her notice of resignation. Motion, by Mr. Wolfe second, by Mr. Wiegel to pay Deb \$2000 for her work since resigning. These funds would be paid from the annual sticker money that is collected. The payment would not be made until after the transition to the highway department. 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. Wolfe reported that UW Extension is still working on the final document from the CCT survey. The complete report is expected to be available in the spring 2013. Mr. Guth reported that he did his interview with WEKZ. Several people commented that they had heard the interview on the radio and thought that it was well done.

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: No Report – No project work will be done until the spring of 2013.

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.

Public comment: There was discussion about the free weekend in early June. Monroe Power Sports of Monroe is promoting the event. The local clubs continue to work on ideas to promote the event as well.

There was discussion about the local contractors in Darlington pushing the snow off the CCT after a snow event. The areas of concern are near the Darlington Fire House, near Annies between Washington St and Main St and behind the World of Variety. Shelly Krahenbuhl will contact the local contractors to remind them to leave snow in those areas when possible.

Deb reported that she has ordered the CCT stickers for 2013. She ordered 1,000 stickers and the invoice for them will be presented for payment with tonight's voucher.

Trail Update: Paul McCarville of the Mineral Point T-Riders reported that Iowa County snowmobile trails are open and the groomer will be out.

Duke Ruf of the Fayette Sno-Goers reported that club trails are open and being groomed. Don Noble of the Green County ATV Club has nothing to report.

Lee McCarville of the Tri-County ATV Club reported that he is working with city of Darlington to work on getting the bridge on Main Street in Darlington open for ATV use.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report and reviewed with the committee for January 2013 and there was little discussion. Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried. Deb

reported to the committee that a finance director for Lafayette County has not yet been hired. She will keep the committee updated as to the status of that position.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5073 was presented for payment. Total of voucher #5073 is \$936.40 Bills included; Monroe Stateline Trail Blazers \$160.00, Southwest Graphics \$440.00 and Wisnet.com \$336.40 Motion, by Mr. Guth, second, by Mr. Wiegel to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2013 in Lafayette Count at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Darlington, WI.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wiegel to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.