

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday May 23, 2013

7:00 PM

Green County – Green County Court House – Monroe, WI

Present: Committee - Supervisors Wiegel, Heimann and Shea of Lafayette County, Guth, Koopmans and Williams of Green County Absent: Wolfe of Lafayette 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 Chairman, Gerald Heimann

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Mr. Jean 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. Shea to approve the agenda. All approved by voice vote and the motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Wiegel, second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the minutes as written of the April 25, 2013 meeting with the change to include Ms. Lindholm as also being present at the April meeting. By 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 the report was not completed yet and we should be seeing it shortly. Mr. Guth said that Noreen Rueckert has asked if all of the contact information should remain the same and after some brief discussion it was decided that for now both Deb Krahenbuhl and Tom Jean should be listed on the website as contacts.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail. Kojak excavating has completed the rip rap project on the trail between Roller Coaster and Red Rock Road south of Darlington and has submitted an invoice.

There was a question regarding the balance of the amount of State Grant money that has been awarded to the Tri County Trails Commission. It is estimated that there should be between \$15-\$20,000 left to do some rip rap work and then use the remainder to do some needed bridge repair. Tom will try to contact Diane Conklin of the DNR to get an exact figure as to where we stand.

Deb reported that the snow mobile trail maintenance money has been spent and distributed to the various clubs for their part in the maintaining the trails. We are

currently receiving \$600/mile for 64 miles for a total of \$38,400 annually for ATV maintenance. We still have a balance to spend and should be receiving another allocation July 1st.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: With the ongoing issue of encroachment along the trail, it was decided at the April meeting, to develop a data base of landowners along the trail corridor so that we had contact information in order to notify them of possible encroachment issues. Green County land records and Iowa County land records have provided Tom Jean with the information for their respective counties and Tom is in the process of completing Lafayette Counties.

Discussion and Possible action regarding the parking area in Monroe and the need to create more parking space. Mr. Guth has met with Jeff Voegli, a Monroe Landscaper for some suggestions, and plans on meeting with Al Gerber to come up with a viable solution.

Public comment:

Mr. Guth had a request from the Monroe's Youth Hockey Association regarding use of the trail for a fun run event on Sept. 7, 2013. The event will be held from 10 am until 12 noon and will use the trail in one direction only. It has been used in the past with no problems. After some brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Wiegel to approve this use. By voice voted motion passed.

Fencing Request. None

Status of Funds. Deb presented the financial report and reviewed it with the committee. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Koopmans and seconded by Mr. Wiegel to approve. On voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5076 was presented for payment. Vendors paid include Bard Materials \$329.93, Kojak Excavating \$13163.53 and Tri-County ATV Club \$1726.48. Bard Materials and Tri-County ATV Club will be ATV maintenance expense and Kojak will be special projects expense. Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Shea to pay the invoices as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Calamine at the new pavilion with the annual picnic to follow.

Motion, by Mr. Shea second, by Mr. Wiegel to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

