

## TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Wed. May 21, 2014

7:00 PM

Green County, Green County Courthouse, Monroe WI

Present: Committee members - Heimann ,Wiegel, Wolfe, Ludlum and Garthwaite of Lafayette County, Koopmans and Fiduccia of Green County . Absent: Kubly from Green County and DeLain from Iowa County.

Introductions were made: Incumbent supervisors include Gerald Heimann, Leon Wolfe, and Ted Wiegel from Lafayette County and John Koopmans from Green County. New members present include Sherri Fiduccia from Green County, Larry Ludlum and Zeke Garthwaite from Lafayette County.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

With the newly elected County Boards and some new appointees to the committee, an election was held to select a chairman and vice-chairman for the Tri County Trails Commission. Mr. Heimann was selected as Chairman and Mr. Wolfe was selected as Vice Chairman.

A motion by Wolfe and second by Koopmans to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Wiegel and second by Wolfe to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.

### **Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.**

Ted Wiegel reported that there is still ongoing discussion regarding the request from PRTC for Lafayette County pay \$26,500 in 2015 for the maintenance of the rail corridor. The Lafayette County Finance Committee will address this issue at their next meeting.

Deb and Tom are in the process of finalizing snowmobile and ATV/UTV funding submittals for the past season. All of the work must be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> and invoices submitted soon after.

The riprapping and bridge repair grant also ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> and all work must be completed by that date.

### **Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.**

Lee McCarville reported that he has completed grading on the Iowa and Lafayette portion of the trail and has repaired or replaced several signs damaged during the winter. Jeff Voegeli reported that the Green County portion has also been graded and is in good shape for the start of the ATV/UTV season.

Bridge #34 just west of South Wayne was damaged in an accident on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Lee repaired it temporarily and Tom inspected it and documented the damages. Tom will follow up with the Sheriff Dept. accident report and seek damages from the responsible person's insurance. Lee will wait until after Memorial Day and then replace all of the broken wooden posts and bolt the beam guard into place.

### **Public comment:**

Assembly bill 743 has been signed into law. This bill allows for the crossing of 1,000 foot or shorter bridges with an ATV or UTV as long as the municipality which the bridge lies within its boundaries, passes an ordinance or resolution stating so. This does not apply to the State Highway approaches on either side of the bridge.

**Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs**

Deb reported that the first weekend in June is the DNR’s free weekend for ATV/UTV’s, fishing and park admission. No permits are required by the DNR for the public to use these facilities. To help promote the Tri County ATV Club, Deb and Kristine Brunkow are going to set up a station at the Pavilion in Calamine. They will have drinks available along with information regarding the club activities.

**Fencing Request.** None

**Status of Funds.**

Tom and Deb gave a combined report on the current status of funds. John Koopmans made a motion to accept the report. Ted Wiegel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Approval of Vouchers:** Vouchers presented for approval are listed below:

Jeff Voegeli	Green County Trail maintenance	\$1,715.00
Tri County ATVer’s	Trail maintenance	\$2,105.82
Bard Materials	Lafayette County Trail maintenance	\$ 324.05
Tri County ATVer’s	Administration fees for Deb.	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6,144.87</u></b>

Fiduccia made a motion to approve all of the vouchers as presented. Wolfe seconded the motion. Everyone voted in favor with Koopmans voting no. The motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Darlington, at the Lafayette County Courthouse.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Koopmans to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

submitted 5/22/14 TRJ