

## TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday , June 26, 2014 - 7:00 PM

Lafayette County, Lafayette County Boardroom, Darlington, WI

Present: Committee members - Heimann ,Sauer, Wolfe, and Ludlum of Lafayette County, Koopmans of Green County, and Tom Delain of Iowa County . Absent: Kubly & Fiduccia from Green County and Wiegel from Lafayette County.

Introductions were made: Tom DeLain was introduced as the Iowa County representative.

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.

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

A motion by Koopmans and second by Ludlum 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.**

- a. There was nothing to report regarding the PRTC request for funds from Lafayette County.
- b. Tom & Deb will work to get all of the invoices for the 2013-2014 ATV, UTV, and Snowmobile grant money turned into the DNR for reimbursement.

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

- a. Both Jeff Voegeli and Lee McCarville reported that they had some damage from the storms of June 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Jeff had some washouts he had to repair and the trail near Franklin Road needs to be regraded. Lee said his worse damage was between Tibbits Road and Ferndale Road near the Iowa County Line where he had several trees down. He had Ivey Construction bring their endloader out to push the trees off the trail and they will have to be cut up later.

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

- a. Lee also reported that on the Tri County trail system, the Fayette trail is open once again through Jay Stauffacher's property. The Tri County ATV club rebuilt a section of trail along STH 23 on Jay's property so that the trail no longer goes through his field.
- b. Lee reported that bridge #34 west of South Wayne that was damaged on May 9<sup>th</sup>, has been repaired and the bill will be about \$1,200. He will get invoices to Tom so he can bill the person responsible.

### **Public comment:**

- a. Rob McConnell gave the committee an update on trail maintenance funds. He said that there was \$6.7 million in requests and only \$3.5 million in funds available. The current rates that produce the revenue stream are not keeping up with the demand the State has for trail maintenance. Rob reported that trail fatalities are up this year, probably due to the increased snow season. There have been 7 fatal accidents already this year as compared to 10 total for last year. Rob also mentioned that the DNR will hold a trail funding meeting on Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> and will hear testimony to lobby for more trail funding throughout the State.

- b. Jack Sauer gave the committee of a report on the visit by Cindy Polzin of Gov. Walker's staff. She was very interested in economic impact of the Tri County Trail and local trail system to the three county area. Hopefully she will take this back to Gov. Walkers staff and they will see the importance of maintenance funding for the trails in the State.

**Fencing Request.** None

**Status of Funds and approval of vouchers.**

Tom and Deb gave a combined report on the current status of funds. Deb has deposited \$1,500 in trail sticker money and Tom has about \$350 more to deposit. 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	\$ 2,369.00
Tri County ATVer's	Trail maintenance (grading & rolling)	\$ 2,782.00
Bard Materials	Trail maintence (fines on Laf. trail)	\$14,613.17
Bard Materials	Trail maintenance (breaker run)	\$ 306.96
Bard Materials	Trail maintenance (fines near Gille Lane)	\$ 1,699.96
Ivey Construction	Trail maintenance (storm damage clean-up)	<u>\$ 180.00</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,951.09</b>

Koopmans made a motion to approve all of the vouchers as presented. Sauer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Calamine pavilion. Lee McCarville will provide lunch and refreshments.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Koopmans and seconded by Ludlum to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Motion carried.

submitted 7/22/14 TRJ