

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION  
Thursday February 19, 2015  
Iowa County – Quality Inn – Mineral Point

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wiegel, Wolfe, Ludlum of Lafayette County, Fiduccia and Koopmans from Green County and DeLain from Iowa County. Absent; Kubly from Green County. Tom Jean was also absent and excused due to a ill family member. Deb Krahenbuhl is present to take minutes. Also present were members from the local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Deb Krahenbuhl 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 Wiegel and second by Wolfe to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Ludlum and second by DeLain to approve the January 22, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

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

All were reminded that the annual maintenance funds applications are due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom will be working on these and will get submitted timely.

There will also an application submitted for additional snowmobile trail miles in Lafayette County to connect Lafayette and Grant County snowmobile trails. The committee understands that there is little chance of this being funded but the local groups will keep trying. It is understood that these miles are not part of the Cheese Country Trail.

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

No issues with general maintenance at this time. The Cheese Country Trail is currently closed to snowmobiles due to the lack of snow and poor riding conditions. The Cheese Country Trail has only been open a total of 5 days so far this season. The trail was groomed and well taken care during the short time it was open. Snowmobile clubs need to start thinking about how they are going to spend their maintenance money since very little has been spent on grooming. There are sections that are in need of trimming and there are several signs missing.

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

Lee and Deb have been receiving calls from users inquiring if they can ride ATV/UTV's. They are handling each call as they come in. The response to each call is based on the weather conditions.

**Public comment:** None

**Fencing Request.** None.

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

Deb presented an abbreviated status of funds which shows the current level of funding for each category and the money that has been spent thus far from the 2014-2015 grant. A voucher was presented for payment to the Gratiot Conservation Club for \$650.00 and WisNet.com for \$336.40. A motion to approve the status of funds and to approve the voucher was made by Wiegel and seconded by Koopmans. The motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 26, 2015 at the Green County Courthouse in Monroe.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Fiduccia to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted 3/26/2015 DLK