

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday March 23, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Green County – Green County Courthouse – Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wiegel, Wolfe, of Lafayette County, Fiduccia from Green County and DeLain from Iowa County. Absent; Kubly from Green County and Ludlum from Lafayette County. John Koopmans from Green County has resigned from the County Board. Also present were members from the local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

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 Wiegel and second by Fiduccia to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by DeLain and second by Wiegel to approve the Feb. minutes. Motion carried.

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

Paul McCarville said that due to lack of snow, very little grooming was needed, and therefore all of the clubs should be aware of using the snowmobile grant money for other things such as gravel, signing, and brush removal, before the June 30th deadline.

Tom reported that he was working on the 2015-2016 grant applications for ATV, UTV, and Snowmobiles along with a special bridge rehabilitation request for repairing several bridges along the trail near Gratiot. These must be postmarked by April 15th. He also has a meeting with the Lafayette County Trail committee to discuss the additional request from the Rewey Snowmobile group. He will assist the County Clerk with that application.

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

There was some discussion regarding the use of Track UTV's on the trail. It was stressed once again that this was not allowed on the snowmobile trails. Paul reported that his groomer operators discovered that someone had done some brushing with a rotary cutter near Belmont and left sharp stumps sticking up. It is assumed that it was Lee using a rotary brush cutter and this will have to be addressed since there is a danger of damaging tires.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Rob McConnell was present from the WATVA and presented their annual meeting booklet explaining some of the programs they are working on including Preferred Routes and Trailways and Trail Towns initiative. These are some promotional effort to let people know where the trails are and what is available for both lodging and food accommodations.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers.

The status of funds was presented along with vouchers for Tom's salary for the coordinators position at \$4,000 annually and the T-Riders vouchers for snowmobile trail grooming and maintenance totaling \$1,421.80. With these expenditures the T-Riders should have a little over \$4,200 to spend before the end of June. A motion was made by DeLain and seconded by Wolfe to approve the Status of Funds and vouchers as presented and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 23, 2015 at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Darlington.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by DeLain to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted 4/23/2015 TRJ