

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Green County – Court Room of Green County Courthouse, Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Wiegel and Ludlum of Lafayette County, Blumer, Kubly and Fiduccia from Green County. Delain from Iowa County was absent.

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

A motion by Ludlum and second by Blumer to approve the Dec. 17, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Tom reported that he has received the final 2014-2015 reimbursement from the Snowmobile grant in the amount of \$7,925.04. He has requested the final reimbursement from both the 2014-2015 ATV and UTV grants and has submitted the approved invoices to the DNR. Once they receive and approve this request, the 2015-2016 advancements will be mailed to us. Tom said that Annie from the DNR has requested that some invoices from a previous bridge rehabilitation grant from 2012 until 2014. She claims that the TCTC was granted an advance of \$46,710 of a \$62,280 grant and she has no record of invoices being turned in for them. Tom and Deb will try to find what she is requesting but the committee felt that there must have been two separate grants that were consolidated into one for a total of \$62,280.

Discussion and update on the General maintenance and signage along the Cheese Country Trail

Paul McCarville reported that the trail hasn't had enough snow to be open for snowmobiling and that the Trails have only been groomed once this year. The Clubs are doing some tree trimming and will probably have some money left to spend on gravel fines in the Spring. If there is money left from the snowmobile funds, there is a need for a lot of new signs to be replaced or put into inventory. Paul also reported that new sign in front of the Mineral Point Depot is just about completed and Paul had a picture to show everyone. One side of the sign will be used for trail notices and the other for business advertisement. The committee complimented Paul on how nice the sign looks and how nice it will be to have at the trailhead in Mineral Point.

The Committee was informed that the \$15,000 of trail pass money that was to be used for grading and additional gravel fines will have to be done in the Spring.

Deb requested a motion to allow her to order trail passes for the coming season. A motion was made by Wiegel and second by Wolfe to have Deb order trail stickers. Motion carried.

Public comment:

Sherri Fiduccia inquired about what it takes to authorize a public road to be an ATV route. It seems that some residents of Jefferson Township near Broadhead would like to have their Town Board consider opening some roads to ATV travel and there is quite a bit of opposition. Both Tom and Gerald explained what it took in Lafayette County to accomplish this and that because of the low population, it seems to work well for Lafayette County. They both offered assistance and their positive experiences with how it works well for a rural County.

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Tom presented the current Status of funds and following some discussion in which Deb said she had deposited another \$2,476.00 of Trail Pass money, and Tom had received a check from the Insurance deductible refund of \$63.00, a motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Kubly to approve and the motion carried.

An invoice for the 2016 liability Insurance from County Mutual Insurance Co. was presented in the amount of \$565.00. A motion to approve the voucher was made by Blumer and seconded by Kubly and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM. at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Darlington.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Wolfe to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 2/18/16 TRJ