

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Iowa County –Mineral Point City Hall in Mineral Point WI

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

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 Blumer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Ludlum and second by DeLain to approve the Feb.18, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Tom has been working with Annie of the DNR to get all of the funding requests up to date. She still shows that a previous bridge rehabilitation grant has some outstanding balance from the 2012-2014 and once all of the annual grant funds are brought up to date, we will have to review the invoices and get this reconciled. The 2015-2016 advance funds have been received for all of the grants, (ATV, UTV and Snowmobile), and all of the money for this season will have to be spent before June 30th of 2016. The new bridge rehabilitation grant money that was approved will be available once an inventory of all of our bridges is completed. This is a new requirement that we have just been informed of. This was not supposed to be an added duty for the coordinator, but because of the elements that are required including GPS coordinates and pictures of each structure, Tom will work on getting this done soon so that we can proceed with the bridge repairs that are needed.

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

Lee has been working on some maintenance items and getting the trail ready for the Spring. Paul mentioned that he'd like to see the website updated and kept up to date and we need to work with the list of advertisers to get them updated and current. Jim Johnson reported that the Blackhawk snowmobile club has been cleaning up the eastern portion of the trail in lieu of grooming.

Public comment:

Kevin Baker and Tom McQuire were present to request that the TCTC consider blacktopping the trail through Calamine and to look into doing something with the standing water in Calamine. The gravel presents a dust issue and the standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitos. The commission will review this area and see if anything can be done and report back next month.

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. The Status of the funds were reviewed and explained and a motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Ludlum to approve. Motion carried.

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$4,000 for the coordinators annual salary, \$580 to Southwest Graphics for trail stickers, and \$1,423.50 for trail maintenance from the Blackhawk Riders. A motion to approve was made by Wolfe and seconded by DeLain, motion carried.

Future agenda items will include; A resolution designating both Tom and Deb as co-coordinators to be able to sign for and apply for grant funding on behalf of the Tri County Trails Commission.
Review a request from Kevin Baker to hard surface the trail through Calamine, due to dust problem.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 24th, 2016 at 7:00 PM. at the Mineral Point City Hall in Mineral Point WI.

Adjournment: A motion was made by DeLain and seconded by Fiduccia to adjourn. Motion carried

Submitted 4/25/16 TRJ