

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
Thursday April 28, 2016 @ 7:00 PM
Green County Courthouse – Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wiegel and Ludlum of Lafayette County. Blumer, Fiduccia and Roth from Green County. Absent was Wolfe from Lafayette County and 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 Wiegel and second by Blumer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Blumer and second by Wiegel to approve the March 23, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Since the County Board elections were held on April 5th, and new appointments have been made to the Commission, **an election needed to be held to select a chairman and vice-chairman**. A motion was made by Ludlum and seconded by Wiegel to nominate Heimann to serve as Chairman of the Tri County Trails Commission. With no other nominations from the committee, Blumer moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote in favor of selecting Gerald Heimann as the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Ludlum and the motion was carried. A motion was then made by Blumer and seconded by Ludlum to nominate Ted Wiegel for vice chairman. Hearing no other nominations, Ludlum made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote in favor of Ted Wiegel. The motion carried.

The DNR needs a resolution on file designating a trail coordinator(s) whom can apply for grant funding and who is responsible for corresponding with them regarding trail maintenance issues. Tom suggested that both himself and Deb Krahenbuhl be named on the resolution. A motion was made by Ludlum and seconded by Blumer to name Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl as co-coordinators for the Tri County Trail Commission. By voice vote the motion carried and will be taken to the Lafayette County Board for approval.

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

Tom explained that the DNR is requiring that a **bridge inventory** needs to be completed in order to obtain any funding for bridge rehabilitation. Tom has been working on completing this, but it takes a large amount of time and effort, since each bridge needs to be logged with a GPS location, a bridge number, an inspection report and a photograph. There are 70 bridges on the Tri County Trail and even though this was not a requirement in prior funding cycles, it is mandatory now. Tom mentioned that if there would be any Club members that might want to assist him with this, it would certainly be appreciated.

Last November a motion was passed to have the County Highway Dept. spend up to \$15,000 of the trail pass funds to grade and add fines to the worst areas of the Tri County Trail since the routine maintenance funds are not sufficient to keep up with replacing the loss aggregate and grading. Tom reported that most of that money has been spent this Spring on the trail from Redrock road to the Green County line. About \$11,000 has been spent on fines and \$3,500 on grading thus far. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ted Wiegel and seconded by Larry Ludlum to use \$5,000 more toward this effort, along with using the \$1,699.00 of credit that we have with Bard for more fines. Tom will coordinate this effort and report back to the committee next month. On the same note, there are snowmobile funds that were not used this past season due to a mild winter. Following some discussion a motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Roth to allow Lee McCarville and Jeff Voegeli to use the balance of the Snowmobile grant funds to add aggregate to the trail where it is needed in their respective Counties. The motion carried.

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

Lee McCarville has been adding some fines and grading some areas from Bethel Grove Road toward Belmont and Jeff Voegeli reported that he had cleaned up some tree branches due to a wind storm and that the problem with drainage along the Patterson Bridge project has been resolved by the contractor.

Public comment:

There has been an ongoing discussion to 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. Tom will review this area 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 Ludlum and seconded by Fiduccia to approve. Motion carried.

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$12,748.08 which included: Fayette Sno-Goers for snowmobile maintenance - \$1,427.00. Ivey Construction for fine aggregate delivered for ATV maintenance -\$7,844.24, T-Riders Snowmobile Club for snowmobile maintenance - \$1,945.67, and Tri County ATV Club for ATV maintenance -\$1,531.17. A motion was made by Fiduccia and seconded by Blumer to approve the vouchers, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 26th, 2016 at 7:00 PM. in Darlington at the Lafayette County Board room.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Roth to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted 5/20/16 TRJ

