

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION



Meeting minutes of Thursday, October 27 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse, Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Malott, Flannery and Berget of Lafayette County, Torkelson and Even from Green County. McGuire from Lafayette County, Wilke from Green County and Peterson from Iowa County had excused absences. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Torkelson at 7:00 PM and he 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. Torkelson declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Berget, seconded by Ms. Flannery and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2022 meeting was made by Mr. Malott and seconded by Ms. Flannery. The motion carried.

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

FEMA AUDIT: Tom explained the results of the FEMA audit from the flood event of July 2017. Following the audit, the State of Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEMA) issued a check to the Trails Commission for their portion of the disaster declaration (\$4,522.29). This was reimbursement for funds spent in 2017 to restore flood damage.

RIP RAP PROJECT UPDATE: Tom explained that the rip rap project along the trail between Tibbetts road and Ferndale Road south of Mineral Point, has been completed. He showed pictures of the completed sections to the committee. He also had invoices from Rule Construction for the completed contract and change orders in the amount of \$247,864.73 and for additional construction engineering by Jewell Associates in the amount of \$3,512.50. Tom will use these amounts to apply for project reimbursement from the DNR and also to apply for additional funding for any cost overrun.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Lee reported that the trail is still being used extensively and that he will be completing mowing, grading and signage soon.

Craig Shager said that the Green County portion has been mowed and that sign repair and grading will be completed before snowmobile season.

Leon Wolfe stated a concern about the grading of the trail just South of the Rip Rap project. He felt the excessive crown that was graded into the trail presented a hazard that should be addressed. Lee will look into it.

There was also a manure spill on Friday October 21 near Gille Lane, that shut down the trail for several hours. There appears there was no incidents that happened on the trail as a result of this spill.

Coordinator's Salaries: Tabled.

Legislative update: None.

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the updated Status of funds. Following a review, a motion was made to accept the Status of Fund report, by Ms. Even and seconded by Mr. Malott. The motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Rule Construction - \$247,864.73 (Rip rap project) and Jewell Associates- \$3,512.50 (rip rap project engineering). A motion to approve was made by Mr. Berget and seconded by Mr. Malott and the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: December 8,, 2022 at the Multi-purpose building in Darlington at 7 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Malott and seconded by Mr. Berget and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.