



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 7 PM
Lafayette County Multi-Purpose Building
Darlington, WI 53530

Present: Committee members – Even of Green County along with Flannery, Berget and McGuire from Lafayette County and Peterson from Iowa County. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and snowmobile club members

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Donna Flannery at 7:00 PM. 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. Ms. Flannery 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 Mr. McGuire and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting was made by Ms. Even and seconded by Mr. Berget and the motion carried.

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

Tom has applied for the reimbursement for the recently completed Rip Rap project along the trail between Tibbets Road and Ferndale Road and will be receiving that money soon. The amount of the two grants that were used to complete the project was \$255,344.00. The total of the project with additional work completed was \$265,257.14. Tom will apply for additional funding for the balance of the project and those funding meetings will be in late January and early February.

There was also discussion held in regards to obtaining more funding for resurfacing the trail and once those areas are identified Tom will apply for grant funding in April along with some bridge rehabilitation grant requests.

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 installed signage along the rip rap project to warn riders of the embankment and he also had Flesher fabricating make some brackets for bridge railings for two different bridges just south of Mineral Point.

Luke McGuire stated that he would like to see better communication between the ATV Clubs and the Snowmobile Clubs who are currently in charge of trail maintenance. He would like to see better itemized bills so that there is more accountability as to where the grant money is being spent.

Tom will communicate with the different maintaining snowmobile clubs to determine when the trail will be closed to ATV's and open for snowmobiles. The group text will include: Tim Tibbits, Leon Wolfe, Wade Black, Dave Komprood, Darren Roth, Deb Krahenbuhl, Lee McCarville and Tom Jean.

Trail Usage update – Local ATV and Snowmobile Clubs.

Leon Wolfe representing the snowmobile alliance stated that he had some concerns about the excessive crowning in some locations and the safety hazard it presented to snowmobiles and ATVs if left untouched. Following some discussion and questions as to why the trail wasn't graded better prior to snowmobile season, it was explained that there is only so much grant money to get this accomplished.

Following more discussion a motion was made by Melissa Even, that we take up to \$12,500 from the current Trust fund and have the Lafayette County Highway Department add gravel and repair the bad sections of trail if weather permits. The motion was seconded by Jeff Berget and the motion passed. Tom will coordinate with the Highway Department to get this work done.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: None.

Jeff Berget said he has been made aware that many Google map apps are sending travelers onto the trail as a roadway and wondered what we need to do to eliminate that issue. We will have to look into it.

Fencing Request : None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the updated 2022-2023 Status of Funds showing an up to date balance. A motion to accept the Status of funds was made by Mr.Berget and 2nd by Mr.McGuire , and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were: Green County ATV Club for blacktopping - \$5,552.96 and Flesher Fabricating for ATV maintenance of bridges - \$634.77. A motion was made by Mr. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Peterson to approve the vouchers. And the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: January 26, 2023 in Monroe at the Green County Courthouse at 7 PM.

Future Agenda Items: Addition to Calamine Pavillion

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Even and seconded by Mr. Berget and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

submitted 1/24/23 TRJ