



**TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

August 22, 2024

7:00 PM

Green County Boardroom
1016 16th Avenue, Monroe

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chair Torkelson

Members Present:

Green County –William Burchard, Larry Kranig Russ Torkelson

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Luke McGuire

Members Absent:

Iowa County – Craig Hardy

Lafayette County – Mark Pinch (Excused)

Others Present:

Max Blackbourn and Deb Krahenbuhl – Tri-County Trail Coordinators

Jean North – Tri-County ATV Club

2. Proof of Proper Posting

Chair Torkelson asked for proof of proper posting. Blackbourn stated the agenda was posted at the Green, Iowa and Lafayette County Courthouses, sent to all Lafayette County Departments to post in their facilities and the Lafayette County Website.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Berget, seconded by Burchard, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for July 25, 2024

Motion by Berget, seconded by Burchard, to approve the minutes as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action – Trail Access to Allen Road (Green County)

Kranig stated that the Cadiz Town Board met last night, but was not able to attend the meeting and the board was not in favor of the request. Kranig continued to state that he's received some complaints from residents on Pilz Road from ATV/UTVs turning around in resident's driveways (from being lost) and wants to reduce that by creating a closer access point to Hawk's Mill Winery. The request was tabled and Kranig hopes to have better information by the next meeting.

6. Discussion only – Review Tri-County Trail Commission Charter

Discussion had about making updates to the Tri-County Trail Commission Charter and confirm with PRTC council what should not be changed. Action was deferred to item #8.

7. Discussion and Possible Action – Regulations of Cheese Country Trail and Pecatonica State Trail

Blackbourn stated that the ordinance is 20 years old and needs to be amended to be more consistent with state law and have some prohibitions clearly defined. Action was deferred to item #8.

8. Discussion and Possible Action – Use of Lafayette County Corporation Counsel for Legal Matters

Brief discussion had about using Lafayette County Corporation Counsel versus Green County Corporation Counsel. Following discussion, a motion was made by McGuire, seconded by Burchard to have Kranig take Tri-County Trail Commission Charter and Trail ordinance to Green County Corporation Counsel and work with Blackburn on updating the charter and ordinance. Voice vote. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Trail Pass/Trust Fund Account

Blackburn provided the updated Trail Pass/Trust Fund balance to date. No action was taken.

10. Discussion and Possible Action – Encroachment along Cheese Country Trail or Pecatonica State Trail (if any)

Blackburn stated there was nothing new for this month. No action taken.

11. Discussion and Possible Action – CCT usage, conditions, grants and maintenance needs

a. Trail Coordinator's Report

Blackburn briefly went over some updates and what he worked on since the last meeting:

- Working on grant reimbursements
- Updating/checking grant & fund balances
- Reviewing trail ordinance with DNR
- Bid request for rehab grants
- Working with engineer on bridge grants

Krahenbuhl reported that she's been receiving lots of phone calls with lots of positive input from users.

No action taken.

b. Clubs Report

Blackburn stated he talked to Lee McCarville briefly (as he was unable to make the meeting) and Lee was working on:

- Completed fixing bridge #54 railing
- Going to mow Belmont Trail again to make it look good for the 50th Anniversary event
- Working on re-signing and fixes from the list Blackburn provided to him

Craig Shager reported they did a little grading and mowing since the last meeting and their section of trail was in pretty good shape for the most part.

No action taken.

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Legislative update, if any, Rob McConnell

None, as Rob was not present at the meeting.

14. Discussion and Possible Action – Vouchers

Blackbourn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration:

24-25 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$3,686.50 – Tri-County ATV – Club - Trail Grading

\$3,120.00 – Tri-County ATV – Club - Mowing

\$291.51 – Ivey Construction – 23.7 Ton Gravel – County O crossing (Pec State Trail)

\$159.00 – Green County ATV – Club - Trail Grading

\$629.00 – Green County ATV – Hired - Mowing

\$416.00 – Green County ATV – Hired - Grading

Motion by Kranig, seconded by Burchard to pay all the requested reimbursements except for Tri-County ATV Grading \$3,686.50 and to strike it from the voucher.

Following discussion, Flannery and Torkelson abstained from voting. Remaining commissioners voice voted all aye. Motion carried.

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15. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

No action was taken as the status of funds will need to be amended to reflect the changes made under item #14.

16. Future Agenda Items

Cheese Country Trail access onto Allen Road

Bid Opening for Trail Rehab Projects

17. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be September 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM located at the Lafayette County Multipurpose Building.

18. Adjournment

Motion by Burchard seconded by Flannery, to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Time: 8:10 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trail Coordinator