



**TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 19, 2024

7:00 PM

Lafayette County Multipurpose Building
11974 Ames Road

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Vice-Chair Flannery

Members Present:

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Gary Benson via phone (for Luke McGuire), Donna Flannery, Mark Pinch

Members Absent:

Iowa County – Craig Hardy

Green County –William Burchard, Larry Kranig, Russ Torkelson

Lafayette County – Luke McGuire

Others Present:

Max Blackbourn and Deb Krahenbuhl – Tri-County Trail Coordinators

Conor McGowan, Scott McGowan and Shelly McGowan – Fayette Sno-Goers

Craig Shager – Green County ATV Club

Sheldon Krahenbuhl, Heidi McCarville, Lee McCarville, Jean North – Tri-County ATV Club

2. Proof of Proper Posting

Vice Chair Flannery 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 Pinch, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for August 22, 2024

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action – Bid Opening for Trail Rehabilitation Project

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud by Blackbourn. The following bids were submitted as follows:

Bidder	Section #1 "Slough Lane to Gratiot"	Section #2 "Calamine to Crist Lane"	Section #3 "Allen Road to Browntown"	Section #4 "Allen Road to Ullom Road"
Jeff Voegeli Landscaping	\$80,150.00	\$64,328.00	\$31,175.00	\$19,750.00
Wollin & Sons Excavating	No bid	No bid	\$37,700.00	\$25,614.00
Blackstone Limited LLC	\$117,000.00	\$95,940.00	\$45,500.00	\$28,600.00
Rock Road Companies	\$273,340.10	\$219,609.05	\$94,485.54	\$60,803.51

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Berget, seconded by Pinch to reject all bids because they all exceed the available funds for the project. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Kranig was absent from the meeting and could not provide an update. No discussion or action taken.

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

Blackbourn reported nothing of concern this month and no other updates on other situations. No action was taken.

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

a. Restting culvert south of Calamine

Brief discussion was had about why the culvert needs to be reset and the permitting/violation issues that has been resolved with Wisconsin DNR. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Berget, seconded by Pinch to have Allendorf Dozing to reset the culvert under Blackbourn's supervision with the bill to be paid by Tri-County ATV Club. Voice Vote. Motion carried.

b. Trail Coordinator's Report

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

- Bridge & Trail inspections with Kurt Byfield & Sara Ringelman from DNR for future grant projects
- Received governor's proclamation for recognizing the Pecatonica State Trail and took a photo with Mike Degenhardt from DNR and Tri-County ATV Club officers. Plan on doing a press release with help from the club
- Bid work completed as needed
- Been asked to present at the International Trails Symposium in April 2025, and hoped if club members could come help present

Krahenbuhl reported that she's been receiving lots of phone calls with people wondering when leaves are going to be changing for fall riding. Also noted some emails from minor issues on the trail.

No action taken.

c. Clubs Report

Tri-County ATV club members reported

- Fall Ride was greatly attended: about 500 people attended the event
- Lee McCarville will be working on completing a list of things to be done provided by Blackbourn
- Having issues with unauthorized persons putting garbage in the club's dumpster in Calamine

Craig Shager reported Green County doesn't have much to update on and the trail is in fair condition.

Connor McGowan stated that Fayette Sno-Goers wanted to put up additional bridge ahead signs and stop ahead signs for snowmobilers. Consensus was that it was a good idea and no motion from the commission was needed.

No action taken.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Legislative update, if any, Rob McConnell

None, as Rob was not present at the meeting.

11. Discussion and Possible Action – Vouchers

Blackbourn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration. Blackbourn further explained to the commission that we have special funding that is granted from the DNR to repair bridge #54 and once we pay for it, we invoice the DNR and get reimbursed for it. Also, there was a bill not included on the presented voucher for \$60 from Russell Law Office (Lafayette County Corporation Counsel) billing for legal fees for reviewing the Cheese County Trail Rehabilitation Project RFP and for advising Blackbourn on an inquiry of hunting on the trails in the county. Blackbourn stated that these charges occurred before he was directed to work with Green County Corporation Counsel on legal matters.

Special DNR Funding

\$4,900.00 – Lee McCarville – Bridge #54 Repair

24-25 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$113.75 – Tri-County ATV – Weed trimming around signs

Trail Pass/Trust Fund

\$279.30 – Republican Journal – Advertisement for Bid

-- Addition -- \$60.00 – Russell Law Office – Legal fees

Motion by Berget, seconded by Pinch to approve the voucher as presented with the additional bill provided by Blackbourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

12. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

Motion made by Berget, seconded by Pinch to approve status of funds. Voice vote. Motion carried.

13. Future Agenda Items

Cheese Country Trail access onto Allen Road

Snowmobile Club discussion and input on any trail surface concerns.

14. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be October 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM located at the Green County Boardroom.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Pinch seconded by Berget, to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Time: 8:18 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trail Coordinator