



**TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 9, 2025

7:00 PM

Lafayette County Multipurpose Building
11974 Ames Road, Darlington

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Torkelson

Members Present:

Green County – William Burchard, Russ Torkelson

Iowa County – Craig Hardy

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Luke McGuire, Scott Pedley (substitute for Mark Pinch)

Members Absent:

Green County – William Burchard (excused)

Lafayette County – Mark Pinch (excused)

Others Present:

Max Blackbourn and Deb Krahenbuhl – Trail Coordinators

Greg Doan, Sheldon Krahenbuhl, Connor McGowan, Scott McGowan, Tony Pittz, Duke Ruf, Jody Ruf, Craig Shager

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 McGuire, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote.
Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for November 21, 2024

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Kranig, to approve the minutes as presented. Voice vote.
Motion carried.

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

Blackbourn stated that the timber theft issue is going to be discussed at PRTC and looks to be resolved finally. The area to move the produce stand from Pecatonica State Trail has been staked with no activity yet, but will keep an eye on it. No action taken.

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

a) Bridge numbering re-assignment

Blackbourn mentioned that this was discussed months ago with needing to do some re-numbering for safety concerns, but no action was taken at the time. Tri-County ATV members asked to get a list of what needs to be ordered and it will get done. No action taken.

b) Trail Coordinator's Report (Blackbourn and Krahenbuhl)

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

- Received ATV4701, ATV-4702 grant advances and waiting on grant reimbursements
- Bridges 53,54,55,58,61 had stream channel debris cleared
- Bridge #65 may need stream channel debris cleared
- Looking at bridge #67 for minor maintenance concerns
- The current un-numbered bridge has an estimated current load rating of 12,000 lbs. Un-sure if we can upgrade the load rating or if we can with any grant funding and will investigate more.
- Looking at some vegetation management options on the Pecatonica State Trail with DNR and a neighboring landowner
- No updates on new projects for funding requests
- Lafayette County Health Department looking at adding boxes along the trail providing free sunscreen, insect repellent, band-aids, etc.

Krahenbuhl stated she had nothing new to report since the last meeting.

No action taken.

c) Clubs Report (ATV and Snowmobile)

- Tri-County ATV and Fayette Sno-Goers reported finishing up some brushing on all Lafayette County trails.
- Green County ATV reported no additional activities since last meeting and planning on doing additional brushing in the upcoming months before spring.

No action taken.

7. Discussion and Possible Action – Setting remaining 2025 meeting schedule

Blackbourn pointed out the schedule in the meeting packet and stated that this was the same as he handed out after the last commission meeting. Hearing no objections to the presented schedule, a motion was made by McGuire, seconded by Berget to approve the schedule and amend when needed. Voice vote. Motion carried.

February 27th @ 7:00PM – Green County
March 20th @ 7:00PM – Lafayette County
April 24th @ 7:00PM – Green County
May 22nd @ 7:00PM – Lafayette County
June 26th @ 7:00PM – Green County
July 24th @ 7:00PM – Calamine Pavilion
August 21st @ 7:00PM – Lafayette County
September 18th @ 7:00PM – Green County
October 16th @ 7:00PM – Lafayette County
November 13th @ 7:00PM – Green County
December 11th @ 7:00PM – Lafayette County

8. Public Comment (3 minute limit per speaker)

Kranig made comments on the concern of E-Bike's rising popularity and the potential concerns they may bring/give to the commission and would like to discuss in further detail in a future meeting.

9. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Vouchers

Blackbourn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration.

24-25 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant:

\$1,125 – Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. – 5 bridge inspections (split with ATV)

\$1,209 – Fayette Sno-Goers – Brushing (Labor & Equipment)

24-25 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$1,125 – Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. – 5 bridge inspections (split with snowmobile)

\$213.50 – Tri-County ATV – Brushing (Equipment only)

Motion by Kranig, seconded by Flannery to approve the voucher as presented. Voice vote.
Motion carried.

10. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

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

14.Future Agenda Items

E-Bikes

Tri-County ATV Club Leader

Trail Tour

15. Adjournment

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Kranig to adjourn. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Time: 7:42 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trail Coordinator

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 02/28/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner