



**TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

February 27, 2025

7:00 PM

Green County Boardroom
1016 16th Avenue, Monroe

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Green County – Larry Kranig, Russ Torkelson

Iowa County – Craig Hardy

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Mark Pinch

Members Absent:

Green County – William Burchard (excused)

Lafayette County – Luke McGuire (excused)

Others Present:

Max Blackburn and Deb Krahenbuhl – Trail Coordinators

Steve Flannery, Sheldon Krahenbuhl, Scott McGowan, Shelly McGowan, Jean North,

Dick North, Tina Reddington, Duke Ruf, Jody Ruf, Craig Shager

2. Proof of Proper Posting

Chair Torkelson asked for proof of proper posting. Blackburn stated the amended 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 Hardy, to approve the posted amended agenda with an addition of amending item #4 to read Approval of Minutes from the meeting on January 9, 2025. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for January 9, 2025

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

5. Public Comment

None

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

Blackburn stated that he has not heard any new issues. No update on the produce stand on the Pecatonica Trail. Grace period ends on May 1st, 2025 to have it moved. No action taken.

7. Discussion and Possible Action – Update on Bridge over Allen Road / Trail Access – Green County

Kranig passed a letter around for the commission members to read from Town of Cadiz Springs board. Blackburn would forward this letter onto Misty Molzoff to provide to the PRTC to continue the discussion on further options. No action taken.

8. Discussion and Possible Action – E-Bike use on Cheese Country Trail

Brief discussion had about the concerns of E-Bikes using the trail system. Consensus was the hope that E-Bike users will support the maintenance of the trail system by buying the supporter stickers and ride with due regard to safety. No action taken.

9. Discussion and Possible Action – Tri-County ATV Club Maintenance Leader

The club has been in serious discussions with various individuals, but have not found one yet. They will be meeting on March 8th, 2025 in regards to the matter. No action taken.

10. Statement of purpose by the Chair for a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat.

19.85(1)(e): Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically: Possible modifications to trail maintenance agreements with local clubs

Chair Torkelson read this item aloud.

11. Motion to enter into closed session

Motion by Pinch, seconded by Kranig to convene into closed session. Roll call vote:

Burchard – Absent, Kranig – Yes, Torkelson – Yes, Hardy – Yes, Berget – Yes, Flannery – Yes, McGuire – Absent, Pinch – Yes. **Time: 7:12PM**

12. Motion to enter into open session for discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in closed session

Motion by Berget, seconded by Hardy to convene into open session. Roll call vote:

Burchard – Absent, Kranig – Yes, Torkelson – Yes, Hardy – Yes, Berget – Yes, Flannery – Yes, McGuire – Absent, Pinch – Yes. **Time: 7:44PM**

Discussion was had with Tri-County ATV club members on suggestions to move forward with and the commission is looking at developing contracts for all ATV and Snowmobile clubs for the 25-26 grant season and moving forward so there are clear expectations for both sides and to be mutually beneficial. No action taken.

13. Discussion and Possible Action – Future Trail Tour with Commission Members

Discussion was had about potential dates to do a trail tour with all commission members. Blackburn mentioned we would just need to post a notice of quorum if we were to do so. Berget suggested a Saturday or Sunday to be selected so everyone should be available. Blackburn stated he can bring this up at the next meeting with multiple options for the commission to choose from. No action taken.

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

a) Bridge #18 & #48 Rehab Projects

Blackbourn stated he is unsure if there are sufficient funding for grants for either bridges and looking for direction from the commission. Hardy offered to discuss the matter further with Blackbourn. No action taken.

b) New Grant Applications & Priorities

Blackbourn stated that he's been busy and didn't have time to get all of his notes together to talk about the new grant projects. Various bridge rehab, trail rehab and riprap projects were discussed. No action taken.

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

Blackbourn stated that he didn't have time to develop a report for this month. Trail didn't receive much use besides some very brief snowmobiling.

Krahenbuhl stated she had been receiving calls of when the trail would be open to ATV/UTV again and has been mailing out a few maps.

No action taken.

d) Clubs Report (ATV and Snowmobile)

- Fayette Sno-Goers reported a brief stint of snowmobile use and maintenance on the trail.
- 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.

15. Statement of purpose by the Chair for a closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) "considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility" Specifically: Annual Trail Coordinator performance review as required by the Tri-County Trail Coordinator Co-Operative Agreement

Chair Torkelson read this item aloud.

16. Motion to enter into closed session

Motion by Kranig, seconded by Pinch to convene into closed session. Roll call vote:

Burchard – Absent, Kranig – Yes, Torkelson – Yes, Hardy – Yes, Berget – Yes, Flannery – Yes, McGuire – Absent, Pinch – Yes. **Time: 8:26PM**

17. Motion to enter into open session for discussion and possible action regarding items discussed in closed session

Motion by Berget, seconded by Kranig to convene into open session. Roll call vote:

Burchard – Absent, Kranig – Yes, Torkelson – Yes, Hardy – Yes, Berget – Yes, Flannery – Yes, McGuire – Absent, Pinch – Yes. **Time: 8:36PM**

No action taken.

18. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Vouchers

Blackbourn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration.

24-25 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant:

\$1,350.00 – Fayette Sno-Goers – Brushing (Labor & Equipment)

\$728.00 – Fayette Sno-Goers – Trail Grooming

24-25 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$2,157.32 – Lafayette County Highway Department – Bridge debris clearing on #53-55,58,61

Trail Pass/Trust:

\$25.00 – Blue Door Consultants – Domain Renewal

\$5,500.00 – Lafayette County/Max Blackbourn – 2024 Tri-County Trail Coordinator Payment

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

19. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

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

20. Discussion and Possible Action – Adjusting September 18th, 2025 meeting date to different date

Blackbourn stated that he had a conflict with this meeting date as he will planning on doing a field day event with a farmer Lafayette County and asked for the commission to change the meeting date. Consensus was to see what other dates were available and bring them to the next meeting. No action taken.

21. Discussion and Possible Action – Tri-County Trail Commission Logo

Blackbourn presented a new TCTC logo in the meeting packet. After a brief discussion, motion by Kranig, seconded by Berget to approve the logo for use. Voice vote. Motion carried.

22. Confirm next meeting date and location: March 20th, 2025 7:00 PM – Lafayette County

Next meeting date and location was read aloud to remind commissioners of the next meeting.

23. Future Agenda Items

Adjusting September 18th, 2025 meeting date

Trail Tour

Tri-County ATV Maintenance Leaders

24. Adjournment

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

Time: 7:42 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trail Coordinator