



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION MINUTES

March 20, 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 – Will Burchard (arrived at 7:15 PM) Larry Kranig, Russ Torkelson

Iowa County – Craig Hardy

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Mark Pinch

Members Absent:

Lafayette County – Donna Flannery

Others Present:

Max Blackbourn and Deb Krahenbuhl – Trail Coordinators

Greg Doan, Ryan Federman, Steve Flannery, Sheldon Krahenbuhl, Rob McConnell, 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. Blackbourn 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 Kranig, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2025

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

5. Public Comment

Rob McConnell (WATVA-Wisconsin ATV/UTV Association) gave a brief update about what is happening at the Let's Ride Expo in Oshkosh and Legislative sessions just starting up but no bills to talk about at this time.

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

Deb Krahenbuhl stated that she will be the person of contact moving forward for sections maintained by the Tri-County ATV Club. The club will share responsibilities and work on a system moving forward with a signup sheet going out to the membership.

Will Burchard arrived to the meeting at 7:15 PM.

7. Discussion and Possible Action – Re-Opening Trail System to ATV/UTV use

A brief discussion was had about the current trail conditions. Various club members had commented that the trails have been inspected and appear ready to go. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Berget, seconded by Kranig to open the Cheese Country Trail and Pecatonica State Trail on April 1, 2025 for ATV/UTV use. Voice vote. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and Possible Action – Encroachment issues on Trail System (if any)

Blackbourn stated no updated on the Pecatonica State Trail building issue. Kranig stated that there is an adjacent property owner that appears to be encroaching toward the trail property but cutting trees and placing personal property in presumed trail property. After brief discussion, the consensus was Green County ATV club will talk to the landowner to politely ask for the removal of personal items and not to cut any further vegetation. The club will bring this item back if issues persist. No action was taken.

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

Brief discussion was had about potential dates for members to ride as a group to inspect the trail system. No action taken.

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

Blackbourn has asked the commission to amend the date due to a conflict in his schedule. He has reached out to the Green County Clerk's office and the 25th would be able to be reserved and work's with his schedule. Motion by Burchard, seconded by McGuire to move the September 18, 2025 meeting to September 25, 2025. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

a) Bridge #18 & #48 Rehab Projects

Blackbourn presented issues about being short with changes in personnel within the Tri-County ATV club in which the grants will not cover a private contractor expense and engineering fees are higher than what was originally expected and Blackbourn will be applying for cost increases for the projects. After brief discussion, no action was taken.

b) New Grant Applications & Priorities

Blackbourn gave an overview of projects that he's working on applying for grant funding:

- Streambank stabilization project along the trail south of Slough Lane
- Bridge #2 Re-deck
- Bridge #3 Re-deck
- Bridge #72 Replacement
- Bridge #18 Cost Increase
- Bridge #48 Cost increase

No action taken.

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

Blackbourn stated in addition to all that was previously discussed, he wanted to note that that the PRTC administrator has changed as Misty Molzoff has left. The new administrator will be Alyssa Schaeffer who also works for SW WI Regional Planning Commission.

Krahenbuhl noted a large volume of phone calls and emails since the last meeting asking when the trails will be opening.

No action taken.

d) Clubs Report (ATV and Snowmobile)

Green County ATV reported that there is a large log jam on the Honey Creek Bridge (Bridge #47) and looking into how to get access to clean it out. They are also waiting to hear for any updates on the "Allen Road Bridge" (Bridge #45).

No action taken.

12. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Vouchers

Blackbourn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration.

24-25 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$609.30 – Lafayette County Highway Department – Bridge debris clearing on #65,69

Trail Pass/Trust:

\$580.00 – Southwest Graphics – 2025 Trail Supporter Stickers (Qty:1000)

\$219.00 – Max Blackbourn – Reimbursement for Postage Purchase (300 forever stamps)

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

13. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

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

14. Confirm next meeting date and location: April 24, 2025 7:00 PM – Green County

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

15. Future Agenda Items

Trail Tour

16. Adjournment

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

Time: 8:14 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trail Coordinator

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 4/25/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner