



**TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

April 24, 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, Larry Kranig, Russ Torkelson

Iowa County – Michael Gates

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Mark Pinch

Members Absent:

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget (excused), Luke McGuire (excused)

Others Present:

Max Blackburn – Trail Coordinator

Ryan Federman, Sheldon Krahenbuhl, Rob McConnell, Scott McGowan, Shelly McGowan,

Jean North, Dick North, Tony Pittz, 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 Pinch, seconded by Burchard, to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote.
Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for March 20, 2025

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

5. Public Comment

Rob McConnell (WATVA-Wisconsin ATV/UTV Association) gave a brief update on funding meetings for cost-overruns.

Tina Reddington made a comment wondering if pre-cast concrete planks made in Browntown could be used for bridge decking for use in future projects

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

a) Update on unauthorized structures on Pecatonica State Trail Property

Blackburn stated a final notice was sent to the produce stand that remained on the Pecatonica State Trail to be moved before May 1, 2025.

b) Other issues (if any)

Kranig gave an update on the encroachment issue on a Green County section that discussed at last meeting. Adjacent property owner has voluntarily complied with ceasing encroachment and moved personal property.

No action taken.

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

No census could be made. Will bring up at a later meeting. No action taken.

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

a) 2025-2026 grant applications overview

Blackbourn gave an overview of the final applications he submitted for funding:

- Streambank stabilization project along the trail south of Slough Lane
- Bridge #2 Re-deck (\$132,740)
- Bridge #3 Re-deck (\$132,740)
- Bridge #72 Replacement (\$109,000)
- Bridge #18 Cost Increase (\$91,448)
- Bridge #48 Cost increase (\$127,636)
- Annual ATV/UTV Maintenance (\$58,100)
- Annual Snowmobile Maintenance (\$17,250)

Total applied for \$799,034

Blackbourn further stated that grant funds were not applied for the “un-numbered” bridge up by Mineral Point as T-Riders were going to re-deck the timber deck of the bridge using their snowmobile maintenance allotment.

No action taken.

b) Spring maintenance needs/planning

Blackbourn stated re-graveling as needed using our rehabilitation grants. Some signage needs to be addressed and some blazers or warning signs needed in the Green County section where tree & brush clearing was done along the corridor. Blackbourn will work with clubs to get this work done.

No action taken.

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

Blackbourn stated in addition to all that was previously discussed, there is a landowner on the Pecatonica State Trail that wants to convert a wooded section into prairie to reduce the trees falling on their fence and looking into how much it would cost and how adjacent landowner provide in-kind assistance. Attending annual trail partner meeting for Pecatonica State Trail in Belmont and presented about the trail system on April 16th in Madison at the National Trails Symposium.

Deb Krahenbuhl was excused from the meeting and nothing to report.

No action taken.

d) Clubs Report (ATV and Snowmobile)

Tri-County ATV has been busy taking care of trees falling on the trail and working on some repairs at the Calamine Pavilion.

Green County ATV reported that the log jam on the Honey Creek Bridge (Bridge #47) has been cleaned up.

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:

\$214.13 – Tri-County ATV – Tree clean up

\$583.00 – Tri-County ATV – Sign & bridge work

\$179.50 – Tri-County ATV – Brushing/storm cleanup

\$860.92 – Lafayette Co. Hwy. Dept. – Bridge debris cleanup on Bridge 65, 69 and pile cleanup

\$198.00 – Lafayette Co. Hwy. Dept. – 6' sign posts (Qty 20)

24-25 Snowmobile Maintenance Grant:

\$712.00 – Blackhawk Riders – Trail Non-Grooming Maintenance

\$990.50 – Blackhawk Riders – Trail Grooming Maintenance

\$34.00 – Fayette Sno Goers – Trail Non-Grooming Maintenance

\$141.80 – Stateline Trailblazers – Trail Grooming Maintenance

\$328.00 – T-Riders – Trail Grooming Maintenance

Trail Pass/Trust:

\$9.68 – Max Blackbourn – Reimbursement for certified mailing

\$2,200.00 – Deborah Krahenbuhl – 2024 Tri-County Trail Liaison Salary

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

Motion carried.

13. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

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

14. Confirm next meeting date and location: May 22, 2025 7:00 PM – Lafayette County

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

15. Future Agenda Items

None

16. Adjournment

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

Time: 7:36 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trail Coordinator

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 5/23/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner