



**TRI-COUNTY TRAILS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

August 21, 2025

7:00 PM

Lafayette County Multipurpose Building
11974 Ames Road, Darlington

1. Call to Order

Due to Chairman Torkelson being excused, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice-Chair Flannery.

Members Present:

Green County – William Burchard (arrived at 7:02 PM)

Iowa County – Michael Gates

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Luke McGuire, Mark Pinch

Members Absent:

Green County – Russ Torkelson (excused), Larry Kranig (excused)

Others Present:

Max Blackbourn & Laney Finkelmeyer – Trail Coordinators, Deb Krahenbuhl – Trail Liaison, Scott McGowan, Shelly McGowan, Duke Ruf, Jody Ruf, Rob McConnell, Josh Layer, Lauren Ray, Dick North, Jean North, Tina Reddington, Doug Mayer, Jim Lange and Sheldon Krahenbuhl.

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 Burchard, to approve the agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for July 24, 2025

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

Burchard Arrived at 7:02 PM

5. Public Comment

Shelly McGowan made a comment wondering about if advertisement signs for businesses allowed on the trail. *(Note – Blackbourn addressed the question after the meeting)*

6. Legislative or WATVA Updates – Rob McConnell

Rob gave updates on the following: Bill for ATV/UTV registration from out of state and Bill for careless operation regulation update being reviewed by the Legislature. Won't be until fall until a decision is made.

7. Discussion and Possible Action – Encroachment Issues on trail system (if any)

None this month.

8. Discussion and Possible Action – Updating Ordinance regulating Cheese Country Trail & Pecatonica State Trail Use

Blackbourn noted that the updated ordinance was in the commission's packet to review as he had received some more input on suggested changes. Plans are to review again next month. No action taken.

9. Discussion and Possible Action – CCT Usage, conditions, grants, and maintenance needs

a. Trail Coordinator's report

- Blackbourn reported the following:
 - Completed updates for 2025 grant applications
 - Accident that occurred in Gratiot
 - Trail Counter stolen between Browntown and Monroe
 - Tri-County ATV and Green County ATV has been busy with storm clearing

- Krahenbuhl had nothing to report.

No action taken.

b. Clubs Report (ATV and Snowmobile)

- Tri-County ATV reported they are looking to do grading and gravel addition after Labor Day weekend.

No action taken.

10. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Vouchers

Blackbourn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration.

25-26 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$839.60 – Ivey Construction – 3/4" Crushed Stone - 66.11 ton
\$338.38– Tri-County ATVer's – Tree/storm cleanup (25/26-ATV-01)
\$111.50 – Tri-County ATVer's – Tree/storm cleanup (25/26-ATV-02)
\$227.00 – Tri-County ATVer's – Tree/storm cleanup (25/26-ATV-03)
\$338.50 – Tri-County ATVer's – Tree/storm cleanup (25/26-ATV-04)
\$66.50 – Tri-County ATVer's – Fix Washout (25/26-ATV-05)
\$2,510.75 – Tri-County ATVer's – Fix holes & Tree/Storm Cleanup (25/26-ATV-06)
\$297.32 – Bard Materials – 3" Road Stone – 23.10 ton

Motion made by Berget. Seconded by Pinch to approve the voucher as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

11. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

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

12. Future Agenda Items

Updating trails ordinance

13. Adjournment

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

Time: 7:22 PM

Minutes by Max Blackbourn, Tri-County Trails Coordinator