



**TRI-COUNTY TRAILS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

September 25, 2025

7:00 PM

Green County Board Room
1016 16th Avenue, Monroe

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, Larry Kranig

Iowa County – Michael Gates

Lafayette County – Jeff Berget, Donna Flannery, Mark Pinch

Members Absent:

Green County – Russ Torkelson (excused), Luke McGuire (unexcused)

Others Present:

Max Blackburn – Trail Coordinator, Deb Krahenbuhl – Trail Liaison,

Scott McGowan, Shelly McGowan, Duke Ruf, Jody Ruf, Dick North, Jean North, Doug Mayer, and Sheldon Krahenbuhl.

2. Proof of Proper Posting

Vice Chair Flannery asked for proof of proper posting. Blackburn 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 Gates, to approve the agenda. Voice vote. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes for August 21, 2025

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

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Legislative or WATVA Updates – Rob McConnell

Rob was unable to attend the meeting as he was attending a RideSafe event in Maine on the 24th and was flying back to Wisconsin today. He would provide any updates at next month's meeting.

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

Blackburn reported that there is a farm market stand on the Pecatonica State Trail. Will be sending out a letter. Blackburn also reported unauthorized work on the Pecatonica State Trail within the Village of Belmont to be handled by DNR. No action taken.

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

Discussion had about some suggested changes that are needed. Blackburn took notes and stated he will make the suggested corrections to bring to the next meeting. No action taken.

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

a. Trail Coordinator's report

- Blackburn reported the following:
 - All 2025 grant applications are tentatively approved, awaiting formal paperwork from DNR.
 - Steve Cernek reached out to have signs installed temporarily to keep people from using the driveway to access and adjacent field for silage harvest.
- Krahenbuhl reported lots of calls in regards to when the trail will close for ATV/UTV/OHM use.

No action taken.

b. Clubs Report (ATV and Snowmobile)

- Tri-County ATV reported that second mowing is completed and will start laying down additional gravel.
- Green County ATV reported it has been a relatively quiet month and helped at Green County Rural Safety day educating ~230 kids about ATV/UTV safety.

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No action taken.

10. Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Vouchers

Blackburn presented the vouchers for the commission's consideration.

25-26 ATV Maintenance Grant:

\$111.39 – Tri-County ATVer's – Tree/storm cleanup (25/26-ATV-07)

\$681.75 – Tri-County ATVer's – Tree/storm cleanup (25/26-ATV-08)

\$605.97 – Green County ATV – Hired: Grading (25/26-ATV-09)

\$1,069.15 – Green County ATV – Hired: Tree removal & trail repair (25/26-ATV-10)

\$1,029.74 – Green County ATV – Hired: Trail cleanup/repair/mowing (25/26-ATV-11)

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

11. Discussion and Possible Action – Status of Funds

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

12. Future Agenda Items

Updating trails ordinance

13. Adjournment

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

Time: 7:44 PM

Minutes by Max Blackburn, Tri-County Trails Coordinator

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 10/20/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner