



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 7 PM

Calamine Pavilion, Calamine WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Schilling and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer and Torkelson from Green County. Winters had an excused absence and Butteris from Iowa County was also absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Heimann at 7:00 PM and he asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Schilling. The motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Tom reported that the grant funding for the 2019-2020 season has been approved with a reduction in mileage. When the mileage was recalculated it eliminated the 6 miles that went from Belmont to Platteville. Our maintenance funding will be reduced by \$6,000 annually (\$700 –ATV/UTV & \$300 –Snowmobile). Kurt Byfield has suggested that we apply for Winter ATV funds to make up for the reduced mileage. Tom will look into this and add it to next months agenda.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail along with Trail Maintenance Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Lee has been working on the Gratiot bridges that are being funded by the Bridge rehabilitation grant. All of Lee's labor and material invoices will have to be paid and then Tom can send in the DNR for reimbursement. The washout along the river north of Ferndale Road needs to be addressed. Lee and Tom will get together to get this area repaired under the flood repair funds.

Legislative update:

Tom hasn't seen the money or what he needs to do to obtain the \$88,000 ORV Council Trail rehabilitation funds. Tom will call Rob to see what needs to be done as we are incurring several thousand dollars in repair costs from both the October 2018 and March 2019 events.

Public comment : None.

Fencing Request : None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the Status of funds which showed the 2019/2020 expenditures. It reflects the reduced mileage from 64 miles to 57.5 miles. There was a correction to the balance of the Trail Pass Account total which should show \$79,624.70 in the account. Tom will correct it and a motion to accept was made by Blumer and seconded by Bartels. The motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Lafayette County Highway Dept. for \$8,373.05 for flood repair grading and culverts. Nodolf Lumber for \$571.11 for bridge rehabilitation materials. and to Voegeli Landscaping for \$10,325.77 for flood repair material and grading. The total vouchers presented were in the amount of \$19,269.93. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Schilling and the motion carried.

Picnic and refreshments: Lee McCarville, Deb Krahenbuhl and the Tri County ATV Club brought the meal, desserts and refreshmenst for our annual Calamine meeting on the trail. A big thank you goes out to them for this fun event.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Torkelson and seconded by Mr. Schilling and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted 8/22/19 TRJ