



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 7 PM

Green County Courthouse, Monroe WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, 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. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Torkelson and seconded by Mr. Blumer. The motion carried.

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

Tom has been working with Theresa Burgess to finalize everything so that we receive funding from FEMA for the flood of July 2017. Tom had turned in \$36,177.81 in invoices and the Federal share is 75% or \$27,133.36. The State WEMA amount is 12.5% or \$4,522.23. We hope to see those checks soon.

Tom will check with Kurt Byfield from the DNR regarding rehabilitation funding from the Oct. 2018 and March 2019 flooding. Tom had applied for an \$88,000 grant and needs to know what the status of those funds are. We were told the emergency funds had been approved, but to date, we haven't seen anything yet.

There was some discussion regarding allowing ATV/UTV use of the trail in the Winter. The DNR has suggested that we apply for those funds to recover the amount that we lost due to the reduction in mileage. Following some discussion, it was apparent that the snowmobile clubs would not be in favor of it. With that in mind, a motion was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to not allow ATV/UTV use in the Winter and to not apply for the DNR Grant funds. The motion carried.

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 reported that the bridge rehabilitation project on the 4 different bridges near Gratiot was complete. He needs to turn in his invoices so that Tom can apply for reimbursement of those funds. The amount of the grant is \$42,600. Lee will be mowing and brushing starting next week. He has also spent between \$12,000-\$15,000 on gravel so far this maintenance season.

Craig Shager reported that Green County has been working to put more material on their portion and will want to do a final grading before winter. Don Carpenter would like permission to access his property across the trail at Dill Road. Tom referred him to Matt Horner of the PRTC.

Legislative update: None.

Public comment : None.

Fencing Request : None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the Status of funds which showed the 2019-2020 funds up to the end of July. It also shows the flood rehabilitation account assuming that we are going to receive the \$88,000. So far \$68,000 has been spent on flood repairs from the Oct. 2018 and March 2019 events. It also reflects only \$571.11 for materials on the bridge rehabilitation grant. A motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Blumer to approve the status of funds report, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Lafayette County Highway Dept. for \$2,140.70 for flood repair grading and placing rip rap. - Flesher Fabrication for \$1,800.00 for bridge rehabilitation materials – McCarville Trucking for \$10,278.00 for bridge rehabilitation labor and equipment.- Tri County ATV Club for \$1,328.00 for flood damage repair The total vouchers presented were in the amount of \$15,546.70. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Blumer and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Submitted 9/18/19 TRJ