



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7 PM

Ames Road Multi-Purpose building, Darlington WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, and Schilling of Lafayette County, Blumer, Schwartz and Torkelson from Green County. Butteris from Iowa County was absent. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members.

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. Schilling and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Torkelson and seconded by Mr. Blumer. The motion carried.

Dennis Schwartz from Green County was introduced and welcomed to the committee. Dennis replaced John Winter who has resigned from the Green County Board.

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

Tom has received an e-mail from Theresa Burgess, the Lafayette County Emergency Government Manager, that we will be seeing a check in the amount of \$27,133.46. from the FEMA declaration of 10/07/17. Theresa said that the check should be arriving soon.

Tom has received confirmation back from Kurt Byfield from the DNR that the DNR Trail rehabilitation grant that he has applied for to repair the trail following the flooding of October of 2018 and March of 2019, has been approved and we should be seeing that grant advancement money soon. Most of this grant (\$88,190.00) has been spent to get the trail opened this last Spring. The advancement amount is \$66,142.50.

Tom has also been working to get funding to stabilize an 850 foot area along the trail between Ferndale road and Tibbets road. The area has been steadily eroding along the river and washing into the trail and is presenting a safety concern. Tom has contacted Jewell and Associates regarding engineering for this project if we are able to secure funds.

Lee has completed work on the bridge rehabilitation and needs to submit all of the invoices to Tom, in order for the Tri County Trail Commission to get reimbursed by the DNR for the work completed.

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

The trail is currently closed due to the flooding and high water of Sept. 12, 2019. Deb has posted the closure on the website and where ever it's possible the trail has been barricaded. Tom, Lee and Deb will coordinate the closures and/or the opening of the trail, depending on water/flood conditions. There's been several inquiries from ATV Club members as to how to best inform everyone of whether the trail is open or closed.

Bob Voegeli reported that the Green County portion of the trail received a lot of damage from the flooding also.

Tom reported that in a related issue, there was some discussion at the Highway Safety Meeting this morning (Sept. 19, 2019) of opening all County roads to ATV traffic.

Bob Voegeli reported that Green County has been getting some road routes open also.

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 August . It also shows the flood rehabilitation account assuming that we are going to receive the \$88,000. So far \$71,028.67 has been spent on flood repairs from the Oct. 2018 and March 2019 events. It also reflects only \$12,649.11 for labor, equipment and materials toward the bridge rehabilitation grant. A motion was made by Blumer and seconded by Schilling to approve the status of funds report, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Ivey Construction for shot rock used in flood damage repair - \$1,583.29 ; Nodolf Lumber for bridge rehabilitation materials - \$240.84 ; Tri County ATV Club - \$4,346.00 for ATV/UTV maintenance for mowing. A motion to approve the vouchers and pay them was made by Wolfe and seconded by Schilling.

Date of next meeting: October 24, 2019 at the Green County Courthouse in Monroe, WI at 7 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schilling and seconded by Mr. Blumer and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted 10/23/19 TRJ