



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 7 PM

Lafayette County Highway Department Conference Room

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Schilling and Bartels of Lafayette County, Blumer and Schwartz from Green County. Butteris from Iowa County and Torkelson from Green County were 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. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr. Schwartz. The motion carried.

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

Tom has recorded and paid \$21,739.41 to date on the Bridge rehabilitation grant. We need to gather the remainder of the bills so that we can request reimbursement from the DNR for this project.

Tom is working with Kurt Byfield of the DNR along with Jewell and Associates to complete the application process for the DNR grants for the rip-rap project along the trail between Ferndale and Tibbits road. Jewell will be working on surveying this area and finalizing a cost estimate so that when we are awarded the grant, we can advertise it for bids.

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 from Calamine to Belmont due to several areas of washouts and water still running across the trail. The worst area is near Tanglewood Ranch, just to the West of CTH O. There are also two or three bridges that have debris stacked up against them and it needs to be removed. Lee said that as soon as the trail freezes up, he plans to get these areas repaired and the log jams cleared.

Paul McCarville will once again monitor the snow and once the snow is sufficient for the snowmobile trails to be open, the ATV/UTV's will no longer be allowed until Spring. Paul will make the call of when the trail can safely handle snowmobiles and will contact Deb, Tom and Lee and let them know.

Lee and Tom mentioned the bridge on the trail between Ferndale and Tibbetts Road. Reichling Farms have permission to use the trail to access their property but the solid bridge railings need to be removed to allow a combine and grain carts to get across. They have installed temporary steel gates where the guard rails were. This may also work for the expected truck traffic during the rip rap project. Tom and Lee will monitor this and work toward a more permanent solution.

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 October. It also shows the flood rehabilitation account assuming that we are going to receive the \$88,190.00. It shows the addition of \$27,133.36 in FEMA grant from the July 2017 event that we received in late September. So far \$87,182.99 has been spent on flood repairs from the Oct. 2018 and March 2019 events. It also reflects \$21,739.41 for labor, equipment and materials toward the bridge rehabilitation grant. A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Bartels to approve the status of funds report, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Blackhawk Riders for non-grooming snowmobile maintenance in the amount of **\$1,007.00**. First Capitol Salvage for guard rail for bridge rehabilitation in the amount of **\$1,828.50**. Ivey Construction for gravel for flood related repairs in the amount of **\$2,099.20** and Lafayette County Highway Dept. for grading ATV/UTV maintenance in the amount of **\$670.97**. The total vouchers presented were for **\$5,605.67**. A motion to approve the vouchers was made by Mr. Schilling and seconded by Mr. Bartels. By voice vote the motion carried.

Date of next meeting: Dec. 19, 2019 at the Green County Courthouse in Monroe, WI at 7 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Wolfe and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted 12/18/19 TRJ