



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, Torkelson and Withee of Green County along with Flannery and Fisker from Lafayette County. Stauffacher and Reichling from Lafayette County had excused absences and the Iowa County representative, Richard Rolfsmeyer was not present. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and Rob McConnell of the W

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russ Torkelson, at 7:00 PM. 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. Torkelson 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. Blumer, seconded by Mrs. Fisker and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Withee, seconded by Mr. Blumer and 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 he had received word from Kurt Byfield of the DNR, that at their funding meeting this past week, the rip rap project that we had submitted for approval had been approved for \$200,000. Tom asked Rob McConnell to explain how that meeting went and Rob said that because of the urgency of the project and the influx of registration money to the funds, the project was approved without any opposition. Tom will proceed to get bid documents drafted and hopefully get a DNR agreement in place.

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 explained that he will be doing one more mowing and that this fall he plans to do more grading and brush trimming. Donna explained the situation with regards to the removal of the South Wayne depot and the conflict between landowners.

Legislative update: Rob McConnell was present and explained that the ATV/UTV registrations are up significantly (20,000 more statewide) which means there are a lot more funds to develop and maintain trails in the State. Our application for our rip-rap project was considered high priority and therefore got approved. He reported that there are 425,000 units registered statewide. Rob will keep us informed of any new funding opportunities available. Rob is currently the Vice President of the Wisconsin ATV Association (WATVA) and Regional Coordinator for the Southern Wisconsin Region.

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request : None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the 2020-2021 Status of Funds. A motion to accept the Status of funds was made by Mrs. Fisker and 2nd by Ms. Flannery, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment were from: Lafayette County Highway Dept. for dust control - \$658.06 and from Voegeli Landscaping for Storm cleanup - \$894.00 for a total of \$1,552.06. A motion was made by Mr. Blumer to approve the vouchers and seconded by Mr. Withee. The motion carried.

Date of next meeting: Oct. 29, 2020 at 7 PM in Darlington at the Ames Road Multi-purpose building.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Fisker and seconded by Mr. Withee and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

submitted 10/28/20 TRJ