



TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Meeting minutes of Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse
Monroe, WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer and Torkelson of Green County along with Reichling and Flannery from Lafayette County and Fisker by conference call. The Iowa County representative, Richard Rolfsmeyer was also present. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and Matt Horner representing the PRTC.

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 Ms. Flannery and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Blumer seconded by Mr. Reichling and the motion carried.

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

Tom is working with Kurt Byfield from the DNR to bring all of the grant requests for reimbursements up to date and to get a DNR agreement for the rip rap project between Tibbets road and Ferndale road.

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 repaired the area next to Emmett Quinn's farm on Sargeant Road that was washed out due to ATV use. He has repaired several bridge railings that needed attention and has been getting the trail ready for winter use. So far, there has not been any significant snow, so the trail is still open to ATV/UTV use. Craig Shager reported a log jam has developed under the Honey Creek Bridge and we'll have to look into it to see how to break it up.

Matt Horner from the PRTC was present to explain to the Committee the Interim Trail Use/Rail Banking Agreement between the PRTC and The Tri County Trail Commission. He explained why the PRTC still maintains ownership and that the agreement allows the abandoned corridor to be used for trail purposes until which time the railroad might want to re-establish rail services. However unlikely this may be, it is the agreement that allows the Cheese Country Trail to function as a recreational trail. There are certain conditions that must be met in order to operate the trail corridor and Matt went over some of them during his presentation. It was clear that the Tri County Trails Commission has responsibility to the PRTC to assure the compliance of the agreement. Matt did a very good job of explaining the PRTC's reason for some of the encroachment and liability concerns. Tom will keep a copy of the Interim Trail Use agreement on file so that the TCTC can reference it when necessary.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: None.

Fencing Request : None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the updated 2020-2021 Status of Funds. A motion to accept the Status of funds was made by Mr. Reichling and 2nd by Mr. Rolfsmeyer, and the motion carried.

Vouchers: There were no vouchers presented for payment.

Date of next meeting: January 21, 2021 at 7 PM in Darlington at the Ames Road Multi-purpose building.

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