

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION



Meeting minutes of Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7 PM
Green County Courthouse, Monroe WI

Present: Committee members – Blumer, Torkelson and Withee of Green County along with Reichling, Fisker, Flannery from Lafayette County. Coordinators present were Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl along with ATV Club members and snowmobile club members. Stauffacher from Lafayette County and Lindholm from Iowa County were absent.

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 and seconded by Mr. Reichling and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting was made by Mrs. Fisker, seconded by Ms. Flannery and the motion carried.

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

Tom continues to work with the DNR to explore funding for projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Update on Rip Rap project between Ferndale & Tibbets Road:

Tom continues to work with Jewell and Associates to obtain the proper permits for the Rip Rap project between Ferndale and Tibbets roads. Fred Gruber, the Jewell Engineer working on the project, is hoping for an early spring let date, so construction can begin in late Spring. The presence of the Blanchard Cricket frog, an endangered species, is holding up permitting.

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

- a. **Update on informational signs along the trail:** Lee reported that seven signs have been installed and that the Tri County ATV Club has generously agreed to pay for these signs. They each cost about \$1200. The Tri County Trail Commission would like to thank the Tri County ATV Club for this sizeable donation.
- b. **Bridge concerns.** Tom is working to obtain some bridge rehabilitation funds to permanently repair the railing on the bridge over the Pecatonica river in Calamine along with rehabilitation of the Red Rock Bridge near the Gordy Smith farm between Darlington and Gratiot. There are a couple of bridges that have debris stuck under them and that need some work done to open them up.

Trail Usage update: Lee gave a report of the recent wind storm damage that left many trees, branches and debris scattered along the trail. Lee's crew have been working to clear the trail of any hazards.

Legislative update: None

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None

Status of Funds : Tom presented the updated 2021-2022 Status of Funds showing an up to date balance. A motion to approve the Status of Funds was made by Mr. Blumer and seconded by Mr.Reichling and the motion carried.

Vouchers: There was one voucher to consider in the amount of \$3,419.60 to the Green County ATV Club for grading. A motion to approve the voucher was made by Mr. Withee and seconded by Mrs. Fisker. The motion carried.

Date of next meeting: January 20, 2022 in Green County at the Courthouse in Monroe at 7 PM.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Withee and seconded by Mr. Reichling and the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

submitted 1/18/22 TRJ