

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday, March 20, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette County – County Board room, Darlington WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, , Wolfe and Ludlum of Lafayette County, Blumer, Fiduccia and Roth, from Green County. Ross from Iowa County and Wiegel from Lafayette County were absent and excused.

Mr. Heimann 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 by Wolfe and second by Fiduccia to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Blumer and second by Ludlum to approve the Feb.16, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

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

The 2017-2018 grant applications are due by April 15th and Tom will be submitting them. To has also been working to get the ATV Grant #1842 resolved. It appears that there was enough work done and vouchers paid to account for the \$46,710.00 of advance payment that was received, so nothing should have to be paid back to the DNR for that grant. There was not any more work done or vouchers paid to account for the remaining grant money, therefore that balance will be returned to the DNR's funds. Once this is grant reimbursement request is approved, the new bridge rehabilitation money (\$42,000) should become available.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.

Lee reported that he has approved the opening of the Cheese Country Trail and that there are people using it. The winter has left some rutting and a good grading is needed. We need to look into the encroachment issue in Mineral Point this Spring.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Deb has delivered the trail stickers to the vendors that sell them for us and has put the information on the Website. Lee reported that there needs to be a lot of signage put up on the trail, but it must get more firm before much can be done. Mr. Wolfe made the comment that he has had several requests wondering whether the trail was open or not for snowmobiles or for ATV traffic and that an information needs to be available to the public.

Leon also mentioned that there was some talk at the State Snowmobile meeting of increasing the funding for Snowmobile maintenance from \$250/mile to \$300/mile, but nothing has been approved yet.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Tom presented the current Status of funds. It was noted that the balance of the Trust Account had an error. It should read \$40,135.51 instead of \$40,471.91. A motion was made by Ludlum to approve with the correction noted and seconded by Roth and the motion carried.

Invoices presented for payment were from: Southwest Graphics – trail pass stickers -\$580.00, Monroe Stateline Trailblazers - \$100.00 – grooming, Tom Jean – \$4,000.00 -Trail Coordinator annual salary. A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Blumer to approve and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM. at the City Hall in Mineral Point.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Fiduccia to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 4/19/17 TRJ