

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday, November 17, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette County – County Board Room, Darlington, WI

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

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 Ludlum to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Wiegel and second by Heimann to approve the Oct.20, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

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

Tom reported that the final 2015-2016 ATV/UTV bills are being submitted for final payments.

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

Lee McCarville reported that he had laid down some fines on the trail section near Tibbets road, installed new posts and bridge markers and has graded most of the trail ahead of winter. The snowmobile clubs have done some tree trimming and replaced some damaged or worn out signs.

- a. The encroachment near bridge #1 in Mineral Pt. was discussed and with Winter approaching, it was decided to try and talk to the landowner before next Spring and resolve this issue.
- b. Leon Wolfe and Ted Wiegel reported on the Pecatonica Rail Transit Commission demand for Lafayette County to pay a portion of the PRTC budget. The County Board agreed to pay PRTC and lowered other department budgets to fund it.
- c. Tom once again got a request from the PRTC to provide a certificate of our insurance naming the PRTC as also insured on the TCTC liability insurance. Tom will e-mail Jackie Zarnoth from WI County Mutual and have her contact Mary Penn from PRTC to get this resolved.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

- a. Legislative update: DNR game warden Nick Webster was present to discuss the status of recently passed legislation that allows for dirt bikes to use DNR funded trails. Without knowing the volume of use that the Cheese Country Trail gets from dirt bikes or how much funding is going to be available from the DNR grant program for dirt bikes, the committee decided to wait to make a decision on whether to apply for funding until more information is available.
- b. Warden Webster also addressed deer hunting along the Cheese Country Trail. It is legal to hunt on the trail and people need to be aware of the deer season being open and use caution while either hunting or traveling on the trail.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Tom presented the current Status of funds with no change from tlast month and following some discussion a motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wiegel to approve and the motion carried.

Invoices presented for payment from Tri County ATV club for trail maintenance were: signing and brushing - \$3,692.39, grading - \$1,795.68, grading new fines installed - \$1,609.92. A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Ludlum to approve the vouchers, and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Dec.22, 2016 at 7:00 PM. at the Mineral Pt. city hall in Iowa County.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Ludlum to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion carried

Submitted 12/19/16 TRJ