

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday, December 22, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

Iowa County – Mineral Pt. City Hall, Mineral Pt. WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Wiegel and Ludlum of Lafayette County, Blumer, and Roth from Green County and Ross from Iowa County. Fiduccia were 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 Ludlum to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Wiegel and second by Wolfe to approve the November 17, 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 all of the bills for 2015-2016 ATV/UTV and Snowmobile seasons which ended June 30th have been sent to the DNR for reimbursement. They are due by Dec. 31st. The DNR is implementing a new snowmobile maintenance reporting system –SNARS, which will be available soon and mandatory by the fall of 2017. This system will eliminate duplicating maintenance reports and the trail coordinators will just have to show that the invoices were paid in order to receive the DNR grant funding. Once the DNR works to kinks out of the system, they will probably implement this into ATV and UTV funding also.

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

The discussion has been centered around whether the Cheese Country Trail should be open or closed for snowmobiles, ATV's or UTV's. Lately Paul has had the snowmobile trail open for just 5 days and there has been conflicting reports on whether or not it is open for ATV/UTV use. The side trails are not suitable in the wet and unfrozen condition for use, when the CCT may be. It was decided that Lee and Paul would try to work together to determine if the trail should be open or closed.

- 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. 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: No trail clubs were present for a report, however the club news was covered in the maintenance update.

Public comment: Supervisor Kim Ross from Iowa County reported that the Iowa County Board was working on revising the Iowa County Trail Ordinance. She will report to this committee when further progress is made.

Leon reported that he had attended the State Snowmobile meeting. It was reemphasized that no track ATV's are allowed on the trails.

Fencing Request. None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers. Tom presented the current Status of funds and following some discussion a motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Wolfe to approve and the motion carried.

Invoices presented for payment from Ivey Construction for trail maintenance were: Nov.1, 2016 for gravel fines-\$6,884.38, Nov.3, 2016 for ¾" gravel- \$1,636.43, Nov.4, 2016 for ¾" gravel and fines- \$5,596.98, and Nov.8, 2016- fines \$1,316.72. A motion was made by Wiegel and seconded by Wolfe to approve the vouchers, and the motion carried. Deb also has some deposits from trail pass money collected that she will give to Tom for next meeting status of funds.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Nov..16, 2017 at 7:00 PM. In Green County at the courthouse in Monroe.

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

Submitted 2/14//17 TRJ