

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday , July 24, 2014 - 7:00 PM

Iowa County at the Trail Pavilion in Calamine, WI

Present: Committee members - Heimann ,Sauer, Wolfe, Wiegel and Ludlum of Lafayette County, . Absent: Kubly, Fiduccia and Koopmans from Green County and DeLain from Iowa County.

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 Wiegel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Ludlum and second by Wolfe to approve the previous minutes. Motion carried.

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

Snowmobile trail maintenance invoices for the 2013-2014 season have been turned in by Deb to the DNR for our final reimbursement. All of the 2013-2014 money was used up.

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

- a. Lee reported that he had completed the first round of mowing, and will be grading soon. There has been some vandalism to signs and the signs that were damaged will have to be replaced.
- b. Larry reported that Jeff Voegli has also fixed some areas of wash outs and mowing and grading on the Green County portion of the trail has been completed.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

- a. Lee also reported that on the Tri County trail system, the Fayette trail is open once again through Jay Stauffacher's property. The Tri County ATV club rebuilt a section of trail along STH 23 on Jay's property so that the trail no longer goes through his field.
- b. Lee reported that bridge #34 west of South Wayne that was damaged in an accident on May 9th has been repaired and he has turned in a bill to Tom for \$1,806.00. Tom will send a bill to the person that was involved in the accident for reimbursement.

Public comment:

- a. Rob McConnell gave the committee an update on trail maintenance funds. He said that the DNR was \$3 million dollars short in funds and there was no money left for any special projects. Rob also mentioned that the DNR will hold a trail funding meeting on Aug. 19th and will hear testimony to lobby for more trail funding throughout the State. With over 300,000 ATV's and UTV's registered statewide, a \$10 increase in the registration fees would produce the 3 million deficit.

Tom gave an update on the Belmont to Platteville bicycle trail. The area of the trail from Spring Street in Belmont to 0.5 mile west, to where the trail splits and goes to Bonner road, needs to remain as a shared use trail (both Bike/pedestrian and motorized). The TE grant that is funding the development of

the bike trail will not allow for this and therefore this 0.5 mile portion will have to be developed with the use of local funds if we want it to remain open to ATV, snowmobiles and bikes. Tom has talked with the City of Belmont and they are willing to join forces with the TCTC and the County to make this happen with local funds. Tom will get estimates and report back on this effort.

Other Counties are seeing the economic advantage of allowing ATV/UTV use on local trails and road routes. Grant, Richland and Juneau Counties have contacted Lafayette County to get information regarding developing an ordinance to accommodate this and Rob reported that Vilas County has changed their position and are now allowing some ATV/UTV on trails.

Fencing Request. A fencing request from John Mau was discussed. Tom and Gerald measured the new fence that was installed and it measured 1500 feet. Mr. Wiegel made a motion to approve payment to John Mau for 1500 feet at \$1.15/ft. totaling \$1,725.00. Mr. Ludlum seconded the motion and the motion carried. The check will be in next months vouchers.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers.

Deb reported that all of the funds for the 2013-2014 season have been used and the paperwork is being completed to get our final reimbursements.

Approval of Vouchers: Vouchers presented for approval are listed below:

McCarville Trucking	Bridge repair to #34 due to accident	\$ 1,806.00
Tri County ATVer's	Trail maintenance (mowing)	\$ 2,571.50
Bard Materials	Trail maintence (fines on Laf. trail at Calamine)	<u>\$ 2,000.68</u>
Bard		
	Total	\$6,378.18

Wiegel made a motion to approve all of the vouchers as presented. Sauer seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Green County Courthouse.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sauer and seconded by Wiegel to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Motion carried.

Lee McCarville and the Tri County ATV Club provided lunch and refreshments following the meeting. A big **THANKS** to Lee and the Club for this.

submitted 8/17/14 TRJ