

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

March 28, 2013

7:00PM

Lafayette County – Lafayette County Courthouse – Darlington, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Wiegel and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth, Koopmans and Williams of Green County, Lindholm of Iowa County. Absent: Shea of Lafayette County.

Guests Present: Members of local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

The Tri-County Trail Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Gerald Heimann.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Ms. Krahenbuhl verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses and the Darlington Municipal Building, Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County and Lafayette County website. Mr. Heimann declared a legal meeting of the Tri-County Trail Commission.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the agenda as printed. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes as written of the February 28, 2013 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion, update and possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Wolfe reported that the full printed version of the trail study report has not yet been completed. The final printed document is expected to be completed very soon. Grant County in Wisconsin is very interested in the survey results. They are looking into opening routes in their county to expand the recreational opportunity further in southwest Wisconsin.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail. This discussion will include the possible addition of bridge repairs on the Cheese Country Trail: No Report – No project work will be done until the spring of 2013. Mr. Heimann introduced Tom Jean as the replacement for Deb Krahenbuhl as the trail coordinator. Deb reported that she has submitted the application for the annual maintenance on the CCT for ATV and snowmobiles.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: There have been no issues reported to the trail coordinator.

Tom Jean reported to the committee that he is working with the village of Gratiot for dust control on the CCT thru the village. He has prepared a quote for the placement of

blacktop 10 feet wide by 1100 feet long. This project would be completed by the Lafayette County Highway Department. The village and the commission will be working together to put together a plan to pay for the project. It will most likely be a shared expense between the two groups. This project will continue to be a discussion item in the future as a maintenance item.

Public comment: There was some discussion about the parking area in Monroe. There is a need for more space. There are a couple of ideas to create more space. The city of Monroe engineer has been asked to look at the area to get his ideas as well. The parking area in Monroe will be placed as an agenda item on the April meeting agenda. Mr. Wolfe commented that he has had conversations with Suzi Osterday of Darlington. Suzi would like to have Discover Wisconsin come to the area and feature the CCT on a segment of the program. There was some discussion on how this might be accomplished, possibly thru the state tourism groups in the area.

Trail Update: Paul McCarville of the Mineral Point T-Riders reported that the end of the snowmobile riding season has arrived. The T-Riders will be having a work day to finish up using their maintenance funds.

Fayette Sno-Goers reported that there are signs missing on the CCT between Darlington and Gratiot.

Blackhawk snowmobile club reported that there are signs missing in the Gratiot area.

Monroe Stateline Trail Blazers had no report.

Don Noble of the Green County ATV Club has nothing to report, just waiting for the weather to improve so that the CCT can be opened to ATV use.

Lee McCarville of the Tri-County ATV Club reported that they will be inspecting the CCT before it will be opened for ATV use. He also thanked the Green County ATV Club for their donation towards the pavilion that is being placed in Calamine. He also spoke about the bike trail between Belmont and Platteville. There is going to be some work done on the bike trail. He will keep the group informed as that project proceeds.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report and reviewed with the committee for February 2013 and there was little discussion. Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wiegel to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried. Deb reported to the committee that a finance director for Lafayette County has been hired.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5074 was presented for payment. Total of voucher #5074 is \$9355.00 Bills included; Blackhawk Riders Snowmobile Club \$3000.00, Fayette Sno-Goers \$4250.00, Monroe Stateline Trailblazers \$300.00 and T-Riders Snowmobile Club \$1805.00 Motion, by Mr. Wolfe, second, by Ms. Lindholm to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2013 in Iowa County at Mineral Point City Hall in Mineral Point, WI.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.