

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday April 25, 2013

7:00 PM

Iowa County – Mineral Point City Hall – Mineral Point, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Wiegel, Wolfe and Shea of Lafayette County, Guth, Koopmans and Williams of Green County. Absent: Heimann 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 Leon Wolfe, acting Chair.

Mr. Wolfe 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. Wolfe declared a legal meeting of the Tri-County Trail Commission.

Motion, by Ms. Lindholm, second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the agenda Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Wiegel, second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the minutes as written of the March 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 he has seen the draft and is pleased with the results. It's a 45 page report and he hopes it will get done by the next meeting of this committee. Mr. Guth commented that everyone he has talked with, is pleased with the report. He suggested that each chapter should begin with a different picture, depicting the five most common uses of the trail. Larry Whitehead commented that he would like to see Green County be influenced by the positive comments in the report in regards to the approval and use of some various road routes within Lafayette County, in hopes that similar routes could be approved in Green County. A question was asked by Mr. Wolfe as to how many copies were needed.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail. It was reported that Kojak Excavating of Darlington is going to be working on the 2 rip rap sites along the stretch from Roller Coaster Road to Walnut Road soon and should be able to get it completed by the May 19th deadline. The scrapes have been completed in both Iowa and Lafayette County. When these projects are completed, it's hopeful that there should be some money available for some bridge repair.

In a related matter, the new Water quality specialist for the DNR is Frank Fetter. Frank was in that position at one time and is returning again.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail:

Tom Jean reported that he noticed the bridge just to the West of Larse Road has a large amount of debris blocking the waterway. We will have to address this issue before it becomes a larger problem. Lee McCarville said that he will have to do a complete review of the signage after the harsh winter. Mr. Guth reported that he had received a complaint concerning an encroachment issue on the trail just to the West of CTH D near South Wayne. After investigating it further, it was discovered that landowner, Pat Place, had cleared some trees and brush that were beginning to infringe on his field. While there are cases that warrant some clearing, it was felt by this committee that anyone that encroaches on the right of way of the Cheese Country Trail must receive prior approval. All the landowners that border the Cheese Country Trail could be sent a letter notifying them of this. A motion was made by Mr. Wiegel, and seconded by Ms. Lindholm to draft a letter of notification to be mailed to every adjacent landowner explaining this. On a voice vote, all approved except Mr. Guth which felt it was going to be a monumental task to get a data base of parcel owners. Motion carried and the Trail coordinator will try to have a letter drafted by the next meeting for consideration. The PRTC will also be notified to make this an agenda item for their next meeting.

Discussion and Possible action regarding the parking area in Monroe and the need to create more parking space.

Mr. Guth has talked with Jeff Voegli, a Monroe Landscaper for some suggestions, and also with the City of Monroe Engineer to find some cost effective alternatives.

Public comment: There was discussion about the permit free weekend in early June. (June 1&2). The local clubs continue to work on ideas to promote the event and Noreen will include it on the website

Mr. Guth had a request from the Monroe's Youth Hockey Association regarding use of the trail for a fun run event on Sept. 7, 2013. He will get more information on the details for a future meeting.

Dave Raymond has been working to get the WI DOT to allow use of State Highways for access routes to the trail and road routes. He has been in contact with Representative Marklien and trying to get DOT approval. The particular routes in question currently are: STH 81 from CTH G to Argyle, Across the Main street bridge in Darlington, and on STH 126 in the City of Belmont. Representative Marklien appears to be in favor of this approval.

Fencing Request. None

Status of Funds. Deb presented the financial report and reviewed it with the committee. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Koopmans to approve. On voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5075 was presented for payment the payees on voucher 5075 are Green County ATV Club \$1575.00 and T-Riders Snowmobile Club \$858.81. Total payment for voucher 5075 is \$2433.81. Motion, by Koopmans, second, by Wiegel to approve the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Green County at the Green County Courthouse in Monroe, WI.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Shea to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Tom Jean