

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday Sept. 25, 2013

7:00 PM

Lafayette County Courtroom – Darlington, WI

Present: Committee - Supervisors Heimann, Shea and Wiegel of Lafayette County, Guth and Koopmans of Green 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. Deb Krahenbuhl verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County and Lafayette County website. Mr. Heimann declared a legal meeting of the Tri-County Trail Commission.

Mr. Wiegel made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Mr. Koopmans, and the motion carried.

The minutes of the July meeting were presented. Mr. Koopmans made a motion to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections. Mr. Guth seconded the motion, and by voice vote all approved and the motion carried.

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

Tom explained that he met with the FEMA representative, Michael Carey, on Sept. 24, 2013, at his office to get the information regarding the Public Assistance for the flood damage from the storm of August 8, 2013. Iowa County was declared eligible for FEMA assistance and the portion of the trail that lies in Iowa County needs to be repaired and resurfaced. The bills that we have already incurred to get the trail open immediately following the storm can be submitted along with labor and materials to get the trail back to pre-flood conditions. Our flood damage falls into the small project classification with repair costs up to \$67,500. All work has to be done within 18 months of the disaster declaration date. FEMA will furnish 75% of projects costs, plus a percentage for administering the program. 12.5% State and the remaining 12.5% is the responsibility of the applicant. Lee will have to keep track of all costs to be sure and not exceed the limits that FEMA and the State will pay for.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail including recent storm damage from Sept. 19th.

Lee explained that last Thursdays storm did some damage, mostly between Darlington and Gratiot, and that some volunteers were able to clean up the branches and debris quickly. Green County didn't have much damage. Mowing and grading has been completed on all sections of the trail.

Public comment:

Jerry said that he has been informed from Green County Highway Commissioner Jeff Wunschel, that Patterson Road Bridge will be taken out after labor day in 2014.

Tom presented an agreement from Mary Penn of the PRTC which renewed the lease between themselves and the Brewery Creek Brewing Company which stipulates that the lease amount will be a one-time payment of \$500 for 10 years with the same insurance requirements. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by

Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Koopmans to approve the agreement and have Gerald Heimann and Tom Jean sign the lease agreement on behalf of the TCTC. By voice vote, the motion was approved.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

Tom obtained a copy of the current schedule of maintenance fees from the DNR and gave copies to the maintenance persons of each County.

Fencing Request. None

Status of Funds. Deb presented the financial report and reviewed it with the committee. Half of the ATV maintenance funds have been received from the DNR which amounts to one half of the annual amount of \$19,200 or \$9,600. Since last meeting \$1,805 in trail pass money has been deposited along with \$8,000 in snowmobile maintenance funds.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Koopmans and seconded by Mr. Guth to approve. On voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher payments include;

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| Tri-County County ATV Club | \$1,040.00 | Larse Rd. repair |
| Tri-County County ATV Club | \$2,0431.00 | Grading |
| WisNet | \$25.00 | |

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Guth and seconded by Mr. Shea to approve. On voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Octoberr 24, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Mineral Point, at the Mineral Pt. city hall in Mineral Point.

Motion, by Mr .Guth and second by Mr. Shea to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.