

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday October 24, 2013

7:00 PM

Iowa County at the Mineral Point City Hall.

Present: Committee - Supervisors Heimann, Shea ,Wiegel and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth and Koopmans of Green County, and Lindholm of Iowa 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. Shea made a motion to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, and the motion carried.

The minutes of the Sept. meeting were presented. Mr. Koopmans made a motion to accept the minutes with no additions or corrections. Mr. Wiegel 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 and Lee reported on the effort to rebuild the Iowa County portion of the trail that was damaged by the June flooding. Tom has stayed in contact with the FEMA and State of Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management. Lee reported that he was about 50% done with the repair and that costs to date have totaled \$36,486.23.

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

Jeff Voegli was wondering if the TCTC allowed farmers to trim trees that are infringing on farm ground along the trail. It was the general consensus that some minor trimming was ok. The question was brought up regarding grant money availability for special projects. Deb will have a balance of any money left from the last grant for the Nov. meeting. New grant applications need to be applied for by April 15th. Rob McConnell updated the committee on Stewardship funds that could be available. Rob is the chair of the Governor appointed committee that is currently working on the Grant application process, a point and ranking system for grant entitlements, and also a standardized estimate for cost per mile for trail development.

Public comment:

Leon Wolfe received a phone call from Dave Raymond regarding the legislation that would allow ATV's on some portions of State highways. Dave has been in contact with Rep. Marklein and is trying to get this introduced. It would allow use of State highways to access County, Town or trail routes only, and not be meant for mainline travel.

There was a question that came about from the Town Chairman of Willow Springs Township in Lafayette County, that he had read an article in the Towns Association monthly publication stating that posted speed limits on County or Town roads were also the speed limit for ATV traffic. Rob assured the committee that any local ordinance would take precedence over roadway speed limits and that by current law no person under the

age of 12 is allowed to operate an ATV on a trail or route. It is also a current law that any child between 12 and 16 is only allowed on the trail if accompanied by an adult, and that in order to operate a UTV on the trail a person must be 16 years or older and have completed an approved safety course.

Mr. Wolfe discussed the portion of the road routes in the City of Darlington that the City Police Dept. has jurisdiction over and made a motion that Tom meet with Chief of Police, Jason King to clarify and possibly get permission for use of these city streets for routes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lindholm and the motion carried.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

There was a question regarding the use of four wheelers with tracks on snowmobile trails and the committee stands by a previous decision to deny that use.

The opening and closing of the snowmobile trails will be coordinated again as in the past between Paul and Lee McCarville, Tom, Deb and the adjoining counties.

Fencing Request. None

Status of Funds. Deb presented the status of funds showing the balances as of Sept. 30, 2013 and following some discussion, a motion to approve was made by Lindholm, seconded by Wolfe and by voice vote motion passed.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher payments include;

McCarville Trucking	\$6,771.32	Flood Damage repair work
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Tri-County County ATV Club	\$2,000.00	Administration fee to Deb K.
Ivey Cosntruction	\$21,401.25	Flood Damage material
Green County ATV	\$676.50	maintenance

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM in Monroe, at the Green County Courthouse.

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