

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

February 23, 2012

7:00PM

Lafayette County – Lafayette County Courthouse – Darlington, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Wiegel, and Wolfe of Lafayette County and Iverson of Green County. Absent, Meek of Iowa County and Shea 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 7:05pm by committee 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. Ms. Krahenbuhl did contact Jack Sauer by phone to pay the voucher.

Motion, by Mr. Iverson second, by Mr. Wolfe to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Iverson second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the minutes as written of the January 26, 2012 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion, update, possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Wolfe reported that the CCT trail survey is still in draft form. The commission should be thinking about what role they want to play, based on the information that was gathered from the survey. The core committee is looking for ideas for a title for the document. There will be a recognition and program in March to unveil the survey and thank the volunteers who helped gather the information. This appreciation will be held March 29th. The regular TCTC meeting will be held at 630pm with the program to follow the meeting.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Deb reported that the water permits have been approved for the wetland scrape project in Calamine. There will now be a 30 day public comment period for the project. The next step will be to get the funding in place, the project is scheduled to begin in the spring 2012. Deb and Warden Jeff King will continue to work thru the process to get this project completed. Deb will invite Warden Jeff King to the next TCTC meeting to give a detailed update.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance and repair of the Cheese Country Trail: The trail remains closed due to poor conditions. The decision to open to ATV's will be made by the clubs. The CCT will not open until there has been a good

thaw and firm up period. Lee & Deb reported that they are receiving many calls from anxious ATV users.

Public comment:

Rob McConnell of WATVA reported that the UTV bill continues to move forward and that the program should become permanent in July 2012. Rob also reported that legislation will also increase the maintenance rate for ATV and snowmobile maintenance. Bridge weight standards will also be changing in the upcoming year. The new bill expected to be signed by the governor in the next week or two.

Trail Update: The CCT trail remains closed due to poor conditions. The Green County ATV Club reported that the Monroe City streets have been signed to the Green County Fairgrounds.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report for Jan/Feb and there was little discussion. Motion, by Mr. Wiegel second, by Mr. Iverson to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Bills presented tonight include T-Riders Snowmobile Club \$2217.50 and WisNet.com \$336.40 Motion, by Mr. Iverson, second, by Mr. Wolfe to accept the bills as presented. Jack Sauer also voted to approve the bills as presented over the phone. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2012 at 630pm in Darlington. Following the meeting will be the survey volunteer recognition program. The location of the meeting will be on the agenda,

Motion, by Mr. Wolfe second, by Mr. Wiegel to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.