

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

April 26, 2012

7:00PM

Lafayette County Courthouse – Darlington, WI

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

Guests Present: Members of local ATV and snowmobile clubs.

The Tri-County Trail Commission meeting was called to order at 7:10pm 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. There is not a quorum present there will be no action on any agenda items, discussion only.

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

Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wiegel to approve the minutes as written of the March 29, 2012 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Discussion, possible action on election of committee chairman and vice chairman: This item will be deferred till next month. Motion, by Koopmans second, by Wiegel. 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 core committee of the study is in need of pictures of trail users for the use in the survey. He will be inviting Dave McCoullier to the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors meeting in May to give a report on the results of the CCT survey. There was discussion about how to use the survey to promote the Cheese Country Trail and who could key players be to help get the survey information out to the public. This will continue to be a topic of discussion at future commission meetings.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Deb reported that the public notices have been published in the Republican Journal, Democrat Tribune and the Dodgeville Chronicle about the projects along the CCT. There should not be a problem with the permits being issued after the comment period is closed. The next step will be to provide to the DNR the permits so that the funding can be secured and the project bidding can be obtained.

The project is projected to begin August 16, 2012. The information for the bridge project needs to be submitted to the DNR as soon as possible. The application for the annual maintenance for the CCT has been submitted to the DNR.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail; No report

Public comment: None

Trail Update: The CCT trail is open and is in good shape. Green County has graded their portion of the trail. There is a need for weed control around the signs. There continues to be an issue with signs disappearing from the trail.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report for March/April. The financial report has a new format created by the finance director of Lafayette County. There were no questions or discussion on the status of funds. Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wolfe to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Bills presented tonight include Blackhawk Riders Snowmobile Club \$796.50 for winter grooming on the CCT, Green County ATV Club \$1370.00 for repair of a washout, Iowa County \$150.00 for permit fee for repair project on the CCT and T-Riders Snowmobile Club \$4032.50 for maintenance. Total of voucher 5063 is \$6349.00. Motion, by Mr. Wolfe, second, by Mr. Wiegel to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012 in Green County.

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