

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

May 24, 2012

7:00PM

Green County Courthouse – Monroe, WI

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

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes as written of the April 26, 2012 meeting. Voice vote, motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Williams of Green County was welcomed to the commission as a new member. The new member from Iowa County, Phil Mrozinski was not in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Discussion, possible action on election of committee chairman and vice chairman:

Nominations for chairman of the commission were opened. Nomination, by Wiegel second, by Guth for Mr. Heimann as Chairman of the commission. Nominations closed, by Guth second by Wolfe. Mr. Heimann elected chairman of the TCTC. Nominations for vice-chairman of the commission were opened. Nomination, by Guth second, by Koopmans for Mr. Wolfe as vice-chairman of the commission. Nominations closed, by Guth second, by Wiegel. Mr. Wolfe elected vice-chairman of the TCTC.

Discussion, update, possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Wolfe reported that Dave McCoullier gave a report to the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors on May 15, 2012 at the monthly county board meeting. There was little discussion and the county board is appreciative that the CCT is an asset to the area.

Mr. Guth commented that the information in the study is invaluable and now what does the commission do with the information, how and to whom should the information be distributed. The information will be a good resource for promoting the CCT. Mr. Guth will be sharing the fact sheets with different members of Monroe's tourism groups. The

groups that he will be contacting are the City of Monroe and the Chamber and Tourism people of Monroe. Mr. Wolfe suggested that the same kinds of groups be contacted in Darlington and the villages along the CCT. Mr. Shea suggested that the information also be shared with Belmont and Platteville.

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 also needs to be submitted to the DNR as soon as possible.

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

Discussion and possible action on proposal by Ray Voltz to offer a towing service to the Cheese Country Trail – Proposal presented by Ray Voltz: Ray Voltz of South Wayne is in attendance tonight to propose a towing service to users on the Cheese Country Trail. Mr. Voltz explained that he has a truck and trailer available to tow broken machines from the trail back to the trail head or parking area where the user began their trip. He would not be traveling on the trail with his truck. He would be loading at the nearest road crossing to the break down. There would not be a charge for the service however, a donation would be appreciated. There was some discussion on how he should promote himself and his service. It was suggested that he work thru the local ATV clubs to help promote his service. The committee thanked Mr. Voltz for bringing his idea to the meeting and wished him well. The committee will not be endorsing any such services, but do appreciate his efforts in promoting the Cheese Country Trail.

Discussion and possible action on winter use of the Cheese Country Trail by ATV/UTV's when there is an open winter: There was some discussion on use of ATV/UTV users during an open winter, such as the winter of 2011/12. The discussion was mostly based around how the open/closed communication to the user would be conveyed. The snowmobile group felt that once the trail was closed to ATV/UTV users it should stay closed until the spring. This item will be on the November meeting agenda again for further discussion.

Public comment: None

Trail Update: The CCT trail is open and is in good shape. Green County is in need of more parking in Monroe. There was some discussion on possibilities to get this accomplished.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report for April/May. 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. Wolfe second, by Mr. Koopmans to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Bills presented tonight include Democrat Tribune \$47.36, Dodgeville Chronicle \$47.48 and Republican Journal \$43.61 for public notice fees for the rip-rap projects, Tri-County ATV Club \$2797.10 for trail maintenance. Total of voucher 5064 is \$2935.55. Motion, by Mr. Guth, second, by Mr. Wiegel to accept the bills as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2012 in Lafayette County. The meeting will be held trailside in Calamine with a picnic supper to follow.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Wolfe to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.