

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

December 27, 2012

7:00PM

Lafayette County – Lafayette County Courthouse – Darlington, WI

Present: Committee Supervisors Heimann, Wiegel and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Guth and Koopmans of Green County . Absent Williams of Green County, Shea of Lafayette 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. 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. Wolfe second, by Mr. Koopmans to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

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

Discussion, update and possible action from the report given in regards to the impact study of the Cheese Country Trail: Mr. Wolfe reported that he gave a presentation to the City Council of Darlington and the Darlington Chamber of Commerce. The report was well received. Mr. Wolfe explained to the committees that the commission is always looking for way to help promote the Cheese Country Trail and the activities it has to offer. He also made them aware that the commission is looking for a replacement for the trail coordinator. Mr. Wolfe also reported that there was a good article recently published in the Republican Journal of Darlington. Mr. Guth had no report related to the trail study. He will be meeting with the tourism group of Green County in February.

Discussion, update, possible action on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail. This discussion will include the possible addition of bridge repairs on the Cheese Country Trail: No Report – No project work will be done until the spring of 2013.

Discussion and possible action on general maintenance/signage and encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: There have been no issues reported to the trail coordinator.

Discussion and possible action on putting up a fence/barrier at the Bill Cowell Memorial in Green County adjacent to the CCT. There are no members of the Green County ATV or snowmobile club present tonight. This item will stay on future agenda.

Discussion and possible action – creating job description for trail coordinator and recruitment of a coordinator: Mr. Wolfe reported that there might be some interest by Lisa Trumble from the Lafayette County Land Conservation Department to take over some of the duties of trail coordinator. Lisa could not attend the meeting tonight. There also is a plan to have a joint LCD and planning and zoning committee meeting in January. There would be discussion at this meeting about the trail coordinator position. Paul McCarville who also has shown interest in the position has not had an opportunity to meet with Deb about splitting up the duties. He is not sure how he would want to be compensated for the services. He did mention that it could be by the hour and mileage or possibly on a consulting basis. He and Deb will try to meet before the January meeting. He will hopefully bring a proposal to the January meeting.

Public comment: No public comment

Trail Update: Paul McCarville of the T-Riders Snowmobile Club reported that the trails have been groomed and are in good shape for snowmobile use. The area did receive 12-15 inches of snow on December 20. There was some discussion about the use of ATV's with tracks using the CCT. A decision was made to only allow snowmobiles on the CCT and club trails. Safety for all riders was the deciding factor in the decision. Black Hawk Riders snowmobile club had contacted the Fayette Sno-Goers to have them help with the grooming from Gratiot to the Green County Line. The two clubs will keep track of the hours spent grooming for billing purposes. Deb will be out collecting the ATV sticker money and getting it deposited. Deb will also order the new stickers for 2013.

Fencing Requests: There are no fencing requests to report.

Status of Funds: Deb passed out the financial report and reviewed with the committee for November and there was little discussion. Motion, by Mr. Koopmans second, by Mr. Guth to accept the status of funds as reported. Voice vote, motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers: Voucher # 5071 was presented for payment. Total of voucher #5071 is \$1212.00 Bills included; Wisconsin County Mutual \$1212.00 for the liability insurance premium for 2013. The committee asked Deb to investigate why there was an increase from the previous year. Motion, by Mr. Wiegel, second, by Mr. Wolfe to accept the bill as presented. Voice vote, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013 in Iowa County. The meeting place will be posted on the agenda as Deb will check with the City of Mineral Point on the availability of a meeting room in the newly renovated City Hall.

Motion, by Mr. Guth second, by Mr. Koopmans to adjourn. Voice vote, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

