1. Call to order at 1:00 pm

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Adam, 2nd by Dave. MOTION PASSED

3. Agenda Repair
   • None

4. Chair Comments
   • None

5. DNR Reports and Updates
   • Updated on current FY budget (see meeting attachments)
   • New Funding Categories from Legislation ATV/UTV SB-583 AB-652
     o Department proposes that potential applicants to the new funding categories of Radio Equipment, Safety Signage and Statewide Digital Application utilize the existing grant application (with an April 15th deadline) AND a category-specific worksheet with more info on eligible expenses, intent, etc. First year will be approached as a pilot year. Draft worksheets shared with Council members, will be posted online shortly for public comment and distributed to potential applicants.


Motion to approve equipment rates adopted by Snowmobile Council by Adam, 2nd by Dan. MOTION PASSED

7. Information: Legislation to Increase ATV Trail Aids Grant Program Spending Cap
   • The Department submitted a budget issue paper request to increase the spending cap. As of our September 2020 meeting, the grant requests exceeded the amount we were authorized to spend under the spending cap, yet $5.6 million remained in the ATV/UTV account. WATVA is also working with legislators to increase the spending cap.

8. Information and Action: Trail/grant issue
   A. Action required on storm damage and/or amendment requests
      a. Below are recorded questions/comments/discussion and the motion. Details on each project available in the meeting attachments.
9. **Council member items**
   - **Dan Thole**
     o The spending cap increase is necessary.
   - **Dave Traczyk**
     o Dust Control – In the past, the Council’s stance was that dust control should be handled under maintenance, not additional stand alone funding. Dust control is most often necessary to protect nearby uses such as motels and neighbors. Moving forward, Dave proposes considering dust control requests that cannot be covered by maintenance under the “support” category. A lower priority than actual trail rehab, but still potentially fundable. We may also want to make it a requirement that grantees report back ~ 1 year after the project completion to report on it’s success. Council members encouraged to think about this and revisit the topic at the next meeting.

10. **Public Comments**
    - **Randy Harden (WATVA)**
      o Overweight UTVs have been an issue, there are potentially thousands of UTVs in WI that exceed the 2k weight limit and cannot legally be registered. WATVA and WCFA have collaborated to try and come up with a proposal to satisfy all parties, work is ongoing.
      o Polaris has come out with a new electric machine, but weight of the unit us unknown.
      o Problems have been reported of some irresponsible riders damaging road routes and trailheads with donuts. Signage and outreach has been attempted, and law enforcement has been contacted, but no arrests have yet been made. If the riders can be caught they could potentially be charged under Statute 86.02 which allows for the county who’s jurisdiction the offence took place in to seek 3x the $ in damages. Future efforts to halt these damages may involve trail cameras, trail ambassadors, continued education and outreach, etc.
      o WATVA continues to work with AWSC and DOT to address the 40’ rule. No action yet.
      o Many requests from communities about funding to maintain roads (routes), but the ATV/UTV Trail Aids program is not setup that way.
      o WATVA’s Annual Meeting will be April 16-18, 2021 in Stevens Point. Regional meetings are also scheduled in August.
    - **Rebekah Luedtke (Wisc County Forests Assoc)**
      o Introduction, been in the position for a bit over a year.
    - **Holly Tomlanovich (Vilas Co)**
      o Local concerns about dust control, would like more information.
11. Housekeeping Matters
   • On Future Agenda
     o Dust Control – Fund stand alone grants? In New Support?
     o Funding Category Priorities – how do the new categories of Radio Equipment, Safety Signage and Statewide Digital App fit in with the existing categories of Rehab, New Trail, etc?
   • Next Meeting – Save the Date for March 30th, 2021.
     o Meeting may be in-person, or may be Zoom. To be determined.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dan, 2nd by Adam. MOTION PASSED