



Off-Highway Motorcycle Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 29, 2025
via Zoom

Council Members Present: Bryan Much (Chair), Rob McConnell (Vice-Chair), Craig Johnson, Jeff Long, Mitch Winder.
DNR Staff: Jillian Steffes
Public: none

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM (1900 hours) by Bryan

Motion to approve agenda by Craig, 2nd by Mitch. MOTION PASSED

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Rob, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED

3. Chair Report – Bryan Much

- Tariffs are causing some difficulties in the industry.
- PFAS is used in the manufacturing of some of the safety equipment. Currently, safety equipment cannot be shipped to CA and NY due to the PFAS use.

4. Elections

Motion to nominate Bryan Much as Chair of the OHM Council by Craig, 2nd by Rob. MOTION PASSED

Motion to nominate Rob McConnell as Vice-Chair of the OHM Council by Craig, 2nd by Jeff. MOTION PASSED

5. DNR Report

- **Jillian Steffes (Grants)**
 - HANDOUTS
 - OHM Registration Summary
 - OHM Trail Pass Sales Summary
 - Spreadsheet of FY26 Grant Requests
 - Registration and trail pass sales continue to grow annually.
 - ATV/UTV and OHM both have a interest in developing an intensive use area in the southern part of the state.

6. ACTION ITEM: Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications

- Forest County only lists 7.4 miles but likely has more. Follow up needed to verify miles.
- Richard Bong Rec Area is requesting \$525 to improve signage of their OHM trails.

Motion to recommend funding the RBRA request of \$525 for OHM Signage by Jeff, 2nd by Rob. MOTION PASSED

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Council members' matters

- Talked about need to encourage another trail project(s) with clubs as it sometimes takes that to get a project moving forward. Possible to revisit Marinette County initiative.
- Noted that the club that hosts the Badger riding event now supports themselves and does not need the grant. They initiated a fee to cover park entry costs and other since the property now requires an entry fee.
- Rob and Bryan will meet to further develop some ideas about moving the motorized recreation project forward. Can discuss net meeting.
- Bryan gave an update on what is going on with the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund legislation since it can have an impact on land purchased by the state that might relate to an MRA project.

9. Other matters that may come before the Council

- None

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Craig, 2nd by Mitch. Motion carries.