

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
1. Introductions	<p>Members Present: Bryan Much, Chair; Rob McConnell, Vice-Chair; Craig Johnson; via phone: Mitch Winder Absent: Kira Benkert</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow; Gary Eddy; Mary Rose Teves; via phone: Brigit Brown - DNR</p>	<p>Called to order at 5:02</p> <p>Introductions by Council members and DNR liaison. Mary Rose Teves, Director of the Community Financial Assistance Bureau introduced herself.</p>
2. Previous meeting minute approval / agenda repair		<p>Rob moved to approve the minutes of the 12/20/2016 meeting. Second by Mitch Winder. Motion passed.</p>
3. NR Administrative Code process	<p>Mary Rose Teves explained the typical administrative code drafting process. She explained that the DNR would like concurrence from the council to use some of the OHM funds to hire a retired DNR attorney to draft the rule/code.</p> <p>The code will likely have 4 major sections in addition to the general provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement & Safety • Registration & Trail Pass • DNR properties: Parks & Recreation • Grants 	<p>Council Question: Is there any way to speed up the process? MRT Answer: There are several ways to do so, mostly to be aware of the legislative black-out period that runs from April to December during even number years. Also, some items can be worked on concurrently.</p> <p>Council Question: we want assurances that we will have direct access during the drafting process. MRT Answer: That would work but would be limited to 1 spokesman for the Council.</p> <p>Council Question: What will happen when he's waiting for approvals? MRT Answer: Only time spent working on OHM would be paid out of these funds.</p> <p>Council Question: Will DNR also contribute funds to this process? MRT Answer: Yes, staff salaries and fringe. We will provide reports, showing DNR administrative costs being contributed.</p>

		Bryan wanted the opportunity to brief the missing council member on what is taking place. He then would draft a motion for the council and the department to review that included some of the terms of the agreement regarding paying to hire someone to write the admin code. With consensus on the draft motion, the council will be able to enter the decision process via a brief telephone meeting.
4. Chair report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active project in Vilas, permit for 1st phase which is 8.5 miles. They were complimented by the local Water Mgmt. Specialist because of what a good job they're doing with the trail design. • Initiative at Bong to add more single track. However, that will likely not happen until the master plan is amended. • He would like to get a project going in the north-west part of the state. 	
5. Signage for motorcycle trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michigan is going completely to carbonite signs and he would like to allow for their use here. For multi-use trails the existing standards would need to followed. • We need to agree on a system for signing trails and routes. This may involve a statute change. 	
6. Reciprocity	<p>Minnesota has statute language providing for reciprocity for any state that provides reciprocity to MN-riders.</p> <p>This is something the Council will look at after the administrative code is finalized.</p>	
7. DNR Rep's Matters	Cathy went over the handouts provided, including the up-to-date registration numbers.	
8. Public comment	None.	
9. Council member items	<p>Mitch – Wants to get moving on this and have accountability for the money spent if DNR uses OHM money.</p> <p>Craig – wants to get things moving.</p> <p>Rob – Wants to avoid any problems that have occurred with the ATV/UTV administrative code. Make sure everything complete and specific to OHM items/issues.</p>	

11. Adjourn	Mitch moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Second by Rob. Motion passed.
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