



Snowmobile Advisory Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday August 26, 2019

Dale's Weston Lanes, Weston, Wisconsin

Committee Members Present: Dave Newman - Chair, Bev Dittmar, Dale Mayo, Gary Hilgendorf, Jeff Schwaller, Lee Van Zeeland, Bob Lang

Other Council Members Present: Arlyn Baumgarten, Tom Chwala, Sam Landes, Andy Malecki, Mike Holden, Steve Moran, Nancy Olson

DNR staff attendance: Cathy Burrow, Jillian Steffes, Faith Murray, Ed Slaminski, Kurt Byfield, Annie Loechler, April Dombrowski

Public attendance: members of the public

1. Call to order at 10:00 AM

2. Agenda Repair - None

3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

4. Committee Chair Comments - Dave Newman

- Chapter 20 increase was not included in the State Biennial Budget. AWSC has had conversations with Representative John Nygren, and he may be willing to sponsor a bill to increase the cap from \$2.4 to \$5 million. Given the \$\$ value of applications this year the cap will not impact grant approvals this year.
- When approving New Miles, keep in mind that this will be a cost to the program every year, not just this year.
- \$3.8 million is available under Ch 20 but council could recommend projects above and beyond that pending approval of the cap increase, if needed.
- Should we hold back a storm damage reserve? Supplemental reserve?
- What storm damage from previous meetings are not yet awarded? We may need to factor that in. August 2018 and Winter/Spring meetings?
- Recommendation to set aside \$1 million for storm damage including the \$700k from this meeting

5. Public Comments

6. DNR Funding Report

- HANDOUTS
 - 2 Financial Statements
 - Funding Spreadsheet
 - Total Trail Passes Sold
 - Snow Supplemental History
 - Snow Supplemental Requests from 18-19
 - Funded Mile Adjustments (by county) due to GIS Efforts
- Supplemental – Almost 3.5 million in requests, although that may be reduced after auditing. There is sufficient funding to pay 100% of supplemental request.

- GIS –Jillian – after reviewing data from counties, most counties went down on funded, 426 fewer miles on the ground than thought. Some counties haven't submitted satisfactory data yet. If any new mile projects are approved, grant project managers (aka CSSs) have to do their due diligence (archeological, endangered resources, required permits, etc.) ground truthing where the trail is prior to funds being available to the county.
- New Staff – Kurt Byfield will cover the South Central Region

7. FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion to hold back \$2 million in funds for storm damage, other emergencies by Gary, 2nd by Lee. MOTION PASSED

8. Member reports/comments

- Dave Newman
 - Dealer Portal idea seems unlikely. Kimberly Currie (Reg & Lic) did request a list of dealers of new snowmobiles and I was unable to get a list from the manufactures. A new registration form for dealers of new sleds would be helpful and I will continue to work with them to develop something.
 - A random audit will be done soon by an ad hoc committee (Dave, Gary and Dale) to review non-supplemental counties.

9. Items for next meeting

- None

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Bob, 2nd by Bev. MOTION PASSED