



## Snowmobile Recreational Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Rib Mountain Conference Center & Dales Weston Lanes, Weston and via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** Sue Smedegard (Chair), Gary Hilgendorf, Mike Holden, Sam Landes, Bob Lang, Dale Mayo

**Other Council Members Present:** Lynsey Burzinski, Ann Degenhardt, Joel Enking, Abby Haas, Tara Krall, Andy Malecki, Don Mrotek, Holly Tomlanovich, Erica Volker

**DNR staff attendance:** Jillian Steffes, Pat Anderson, Chris Halbur, Kurt Byfield, Jeremy Holtz, Jeff Pennucci

**Public attendance:** Lori Heideman, Dave Newman and other members of the public

### 1. Call to order at 10:00 AM

### 2. Agenda Repair - None

### 3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve February 2024 minutes by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. MOTION PASSED

### 4. Committee Chair Comments

- **Sue Smedegard** – Funding will be tough this year, we have about 4x the grant requests as we have funds available. Last winter's lack of snow contributed to our funding shortfall with decreased trail pass sales. Tough decisions today.

### 5. Public Comments

- None

### 6. DNR Funding Report

- **Grants Report**
  - Snowmobile Funding Report FY24, Available Funds FY25
  - Snowmobile Trail Passes Sold
  - Snowmobile Active Registrations
  - Snow Supplemental Seasonal History (past 10 years)
- Record year for grant requests, \$13.7 million in requests compared to an average \$9 million from a few years back. And with the low trail pass sales, we have less money to work with.
- No supplemental requests. We collect approx. \$3.5 million annually that is supposed to go to Supplemental first, but if not needed, that money can go to maintenance or development.
- We could look at grant requests again at in February to award recently-returned funds to more projects.

Motion to recommend to the full Council revisiting project funding requests in February with any funds returned to the program. Motion by Andy and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. MOTION PASSED

### 7. ACTION ITEM – Funding Amount Recommendation

Motion to recommend to the full Council allocating \$250,000 to the Sauk County Wisconsin River Bridge. Motion by Mike and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. MOTION PASSED

- Groomer Tracking Systems LLC increased their rates slightly. From \$10k to \$15k annually for tabular database (SNARS) and from \$250/unit to \$265/unit for GPS unit lease.

**Motion to recommend to the full Council we set aside \$215,000 for SNARS and GPS unit leases for the 2024-25 season. Motion by Sam and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike. MOTION PASSED**

**Motion to recommend to the full Council making \$1,359,114 available for rehab and development applications. Motion by Sam and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary. MOTION PASSED**

#### **8. Committee member reports, comments and items**

- Mike Holden
  - Would like SNARS to separate out literal 'county admin' from other county expenses (like signs).
    - Currently the county can categorize them. But users would like to see them in separate columns.
- Sam Landes
  - Would like more on detail on Line 33 of the financial statement (Customer Service & Licensing)

#### **9. Items for next meeting**

- Any funds returned to the program this fall/winter can potentially be awarded to more projects. At February meeting, Jillian will let Council know what funds have been returned, and Council may recommend more funding at that time.

#### **10. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam. MOTION PASSED**