



## Snowmobile Advisory Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2020

Via Zoom

**Committee Members Present:** Lee Van Zeeland - Chair, Mike Holden, Dale Mayo, Sue Smedegard, Bob Lang

**Other Council Members Present:** Andy Malecki, Joel Enking, Leon Wolfe, Abby Haas

**DNR staff attendance:** Jillian Steffes, Cathy Burrow, Ed Slaminski, Kurt Byfield, Faith Murray

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

### 1. Call to order at 9:00 AM

### 2. Agenda Repair - None

### 3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

**Motion to approve February 2020 minutes by Sue, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dale. MOTION PASSED**

### 4. Committee Chair Comments – Lee Van Zeeland

- With the spending cap increase passed in legislation last year, as well as the solid trail pass and registration revenue, the program has more money to spend this year than ever before. Next year we may see a revenue drop due to third-year registration cycling, something to keep in mind.

### 5. Public Comments

- Dave Newman (former Council member and Finance Committee Chair) is available to provide assistance, answer questions, etc.

### 6. DNR Funding Report

- HANDOUTS
  - Snowmobile Funding Report FY20, Available Funds FY21
  - 2020-21 Snowmobile Funding Summary
  - Snowmobile Trail Passes Sold
  - Snowmobile Active Registrations
  - Snow Supplemental Prelim Requests 19-20
  - Snow Supplemental Seasonal History (1990 through present)
- \$3.2 million in supplemental requests for 19-20.

### 7. ACTION ITEM: Funding Amount Recommendation

The supplemental account has a balance of \$1,257,727 after paying out supplemental this year. That money could be added to the currently \$4,272,622 available for development/rehab/new miles, or it could be kept in the supplemental account for future supplemental or emergencies. There are currently ~\$3,000,000 in grant requests pending (rehab, new miles, etc).

**Motion keep the \$1,257,727 in the supplemental account, and set aside an additional \$1.2 million for future emergencies, cost increase requests, etc and make \$3 million available to awarding to pending grant requests by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ?. MOTION PASSED**

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

- Sue – Thank you Dave for your willingness to share your expertise
- Dale – Not sure how COVID will affect snowmobiling this winter but summer tourism as been high.
- Lee – Machine sales have been strong, likely to have a good snowmobiling season.

- Joel – Agreed, summer tourism high but warmer temps mean people can stay outdoors. Can businesses accommodate the increased indoor seating?
- Mike – Good news that we were able to fund new miles last year, looking forward to doing the same this year.

**9. Items for next meeting**

- None

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn by Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue. MOTION PASSED**