## Call to Order

**Members Present via phone:** Bev Dittmar–Chair, Dale Mayo–Vice Chair, Bob Lang, Dave Newman, Sam Landes, Andy Malecki, Mike Holden, Gary Hilgendorf, Steve Moran, Jeff Schwaller, Lee Van Zeeland

**In person:** Steve Moran

**Absent:** Joel Enking, Tom Chwala, Nancy Olson, Arlyn Baumgarten

**Others Present:** Cathy Burrow, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski, Jillian Steffes, Kurt Byfield – DNR; Pat Smith – Florence County

Meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

## Chair Comments

Bev: We should be smart and not fund things just because we have the money.

## Public Comments

Andy: It seems that some of these items were not properly thought through and/or prepped during original application process.

## DNR Report

Cathy explained the funding sheet that was sent prior to the meeting.

**Available Funding:**
- $988,000  Development funding remaining in August 2018
- $244,881  Total Requests today
- $743,119  Balance

**Storm Damage**
La Crosse County was denied FEMA aid and are currently preparing a storm damage request that will be approximately $12,000.

**Storm Damage Funding:**
- $500,000  Reserved in August 2018
- $50,500  Awarded to date
- $449,500  Balance

## Funding recommendations

Discussion occurred on the following topics:
- ATV use prohibited in the McMillan Marsh.

## Motions

Dale moved, second by Andy to recommend funding the
for applications &
amendments

- Annie will confirm that Jon was able to obtain a LUA with the DNR. NOTE: This is confirmed.
- Ed explained the difference between being in a flood plain and a wetland.
- Long discussion on bridges and application/funding process for bridges.
- More H&H studies are being required by county zoning.

Note: Standard language available to share with applicants:

“With your bridge or culvert applications you should be considering Floodplain issues in the application process. You need to contact your County Zoning office to determine if the location of the proposed bridge will be in the floodplain and subject to a Hydrologic analysis, sometimes referred to as an H & H study. If the Zoning office determines that an H&H study is necessary, then please contact an engineering firm to get an estimate of this study to include with your bridge application.”

- The grants process for obtaining permits. Process: Applicants speak with their DNR Water Management Specialist (WMS) to determine if a permit will be likely for their location.

If yes, they may seek a Water Regs permit (Chapter 30) and have the fee waived by providing their annual maintenance grant number.

Wetland and stormwater permit fees are not waived.

Council Member Items

Sam for AWSC – talks regarding the 40’ rule are beginning. Dale – was asked by his local Rep about supporting changes to the 40’ rule.
Dave: AWSC has also talked about working with WATVA to address the 40’ rule and while talks were happening the subject of the 10’ rule for state highways was raised. He asked the Council members to think about that.
Lee: Is on the bridge ad hoc team and said it was eye-opening.
Fuzzy: Asked about supplemental and if there would be enough funds to cover the total. Cathy said, she’d inform the
Council once numbers were tabulated.
Andy: Flood-plain discussion was educating.
Jeff: Bridge discussion need to continue.
Gary: Ad hocs for bridges and GPS units in groomers have occurred.
Bev: With the rising cost of bridges, it might be required to run longer trails rather than building bridges.

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<td>Motion to adjourn by Andy, second by Gary. <strong>Motion carried.</strong></td>
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