

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

Minutes August 21, 2017

Mountain Bay Conference Center, Weston, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Bev Dittmar- Chair, Larry Erickson – Vice Chair, Arlyn Baumgarten, Bob Lang, Lee Van Zeeland, Dale Mayo, Dave Newman, Sam Landes, Michelle Martin, Andy Malecki, Mike Holden, Gary Hilgendorf, Steve Moran, Nancy Olson; Absent: Tom Chwala; One position vacant</p> <p>Others Present: Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, Chris Halbur, Gary Eddy–DNR; members of the public</p>	Meeting was called to order at 8:34.
Agenda Repair	None	
Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes		Motion by Steve Moran, second by Mike Holden to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. <u>Motion carried.</u>
Comments	<p>Chair: The council has initiated good things over the past few years including SNARS & GPS mapping. These are good things for snowmobiling. This is a statewide program. Snow is not guaranteed but trails need to go in and be taken out.</p> <p>Announced Lee Van Zeeland will be the chair of the Tourism Committee.</p> <p>Vice Chair: Good to see revenues increase from the trail pass. We'll be increasing reimbursement rates to the clubs who do the work and we are starting to be able to fund projects we haven't been able to in the past.</p>	
Citizen Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislation is included in the state budget. This will increase maintenance from \$250 - \$300 and increase equipment rates. ○ October 27-29, officially invited all Council members to the workshop. The feedback from the Council Round Table last year was great and it would be nice to do that again. Workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon the 28th. ○ Legal assistance being provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stower Seven Lakes trail in Polk County. ▪ Blue Mound State park ○ Working with DNR on issues on the Tuscobia <p>Question asked if a delay in the budget would prevent counties from receiving grants. Answer provided by DNR: counties will receive their normal maintenance grants after the budget is signed. They will be dated July 1, so any work being</p>	

	<p>done now will be eligible under the grants. For development projects recommended for funding at the meeting today, they will also be issued after the budget is signed. When a development project is recommended for funding, reviews of the project and project site begin. Hopefully, the budget will be signed before any of the project grants are ready to be issued.</p>	
<p>DNR Report</p>	<p>DNR – Law Enforcement & Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the LE committee minutes. <p>DNR – Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget - \$1.4 million available for development project grants. Any storm damage requests need to come from this \$1.4 million. • Storm Damage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are 2 requests totaling \$46,496.50 before the Council today. ○ Process for storm damage established that requests can be submitted at any time and the Council will consider those at their normally schedule meetings. They will call special meetings if required. • SNARS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Originally it was going to be down from August 1-10 for maintenance and archival of last season's data. However, because of the budget delay we left it down for longer. It will be available on the August 22. ○ There were many changes made based on feedback and requests from last season. They are listed in a document available on the Snowmobile grants page under the Resources tab, called “SNARS Upgrade” http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/snow/SNARS_UpgradeChanges.pdf • Bridge Rehab Category ranking – The Council has determined that this ranking does not need to be filled out. This could change in the future, but for next year’s applications due April 15, 2018 there is no requirement to submit the ranking form. 	
<p>Reports of Standing Committees & Action Recommended</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything is contingent on the budget being signed and the maintenance rate change remaining intact. • Registration change from 2-3 years will hit us in drastically reduced revenue next funding meeting. So, we’ve addressed that by identifying \$1 million last year and again this year, to off-set that loss of revenue. • \$4.9M carryover Why so much? Because we are always spending last year’s money. This way we are spending the money that has already been collected and not spending money we hope to earn this year. • The Finance Committee will meet with DNR’s Finance accountant and Dep. Div. Admin which should result in a product showing available funding that will be easier to understand and share outside of the Council meeting. 	<p>FINANCE MOTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance committee recommends the Council to make \$1.4M available for development funding. <u>Motion Failed.</u> • Sam Landes moved to approve \$1.4 million in development funds which is reflective of carrying over an additional \$1 million to cover the registration shortfall that will be reflected in available funds at the 2018 funding meeting. Second by Bob Lang. <u>Motion Passed.</u> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE MOTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee recommended the council approve the 5 new

	<p>Infrastructure: Recommended for Council Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved rate increases for all non-grooming rates. • Finalized the new miles ranking sheet. • Finalized the policy & list for grandfathering specific grooming units. <p>Law Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommending that safety class instructors discuss dimming headlights when approaching oncoming sleds. 	<p>rates that were agreed to after the February meeting (contingent on budget passing with maintenance increase intact). <u>Motion Passed.</u></p> <p>The five rates are: 205 - All tired tractors & skid steers 50-99 HP: \$34 206 - All tired tractors & skid steers 100-149 HP: \$49 207 - All tired tractors & skid steers 150 HP and up: \$56 217 - All tracked dozers, tractors & skid steers 100-149 HP: \$54 218 - All tracked dozers, tractors & skid steers 150 and up HP: \$69</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Moran moved to increase the labor rate (contingent on the budget passing) from \$6.50 to \$8/hour. Second by Dale Mayo. <u>Motion Passed.</u> • Committee recommended the council grandfather the listed units and any other council declared unit for 5 years provided the unit in question met the old standards in the class. The 5 years starts with the 2017-18 season and the clubs must declare them now. <u>Motion Passed.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Deere Models: 6400, 6410, 5625, 2955 • Case Models: 5130, 5230 • Massey Ferguson 3075-4, 300T • Ford 7740 • New Holland TS 100 / Sur Trac drag • New Holland 7740 <p>Note: the grandfathering does not transfer with a sale. In the future, all grooming units will be classified per manufacturer's stated HP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee recommended the council approve the new grooming rates for the '17-18 season (list provided, contingent on budget passing with maintenance increase intact). <u>Motion Passed.</u>
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<p>Review of and funding recommendations for applications & amendments</p>		<p>Projects recommended for funding:</p> <p>Amendments: Iron Co. overrun on S4896. Steve to approve at \$3,867, second by Dale. <u>Motion Passed.</u> Lincoln Co. amendment to S4924, Trail 39 ROW bridge. Dale moved to fund it at \$10,000. Second by Andy. <u>Motion Passed</u></p> <p>Bridge Rehabilitation Applications: #01. Florence Co. Menomonee River bridge: \$217,478 (Split with State of Michigan) #02. Ozaukee Co. failing culvert, \$6,000 from USFWS: \$14,000. #03. Oconto Co. Bridge 26 Nicolet ST: \$2,250 (\$6,750 from RTP & ORVC) #04. Oconto Co. Bridge #26B on Nicolet ST: \$3,250 (\$9,550 from RTP & ORVC) #05. Vilas Co. Corridor 15 Lost Creek bridge: \$17,105 #06. Vilas Co. Corridor 13 & 8 Tamarack Creek Bridge: \$19,725 #07. Vilas Co. Corr. 13 Buckatabon Creek Bridge: \$123,925 #08. Lincoln Co. Hiawatha Trail Bridge: \$28,806 #09. See below. #10. Vilas Co. Corridor 15 Plum Creek Bridge: \$133,475 #11. Burnett Co. Trail 150 Bridge: \$12,000</p>

- #12. Eau Claire Co. Corridor 20 Bear Grass Creek bridge: \$23,400
- #13. Washburn County on Trail 39: \$40,553.
(RTP funded \$45,000, ORVC funded \$40,533)
- #14. Langlade Co. 5 Corners Trail culverts: \$6,741
- #15. Eau Claire Co. Trail 17 Pine Creek bridge: \$55,900
- #16. Eau Claire Co. Corridor 31 Clear Creek bridge: \$65,000
- #17. Marathon Co. Little Eau Pleine Trib. Bridge #1: \$38,500
(ORVC funded at ½ the 14K bridge load: \$35,650, leaving a deficit of \$2,850)
- #18. Marathon Co. Little Eau Pleine Trib. Bridge #2: \$20,160
(ORVC funded at ½ the 14K bridge load: \$17,410, leaving a deficit of \$2,750)
- #19. Trempereau Co. Corridor 31 Herman bridge: \$43,000
- #20. See below.
- #21. Dane Co. B. Riley bridge: \$35,900

Not recommended for funding:

#09. Forest Co. Bridge over the Wolf River.
Dale moved to recommend not funding this project because it is not the council's practice to fund rehabilitations to accommodate grooming equipment. Second by Bob.
Motion Passed.

Contingent on other funds:

#20. Vernon Co. S. Fork Bad Axe River bridge.
Bob moved to recommend funding this project only if they are not offered a Motorized Stewardship grant. Second by Dale.
Motion Passed.

Bob moved to recommend funding the bridge rehabilitation projects as noted above. Second by Gary.
Motion Passed.

Trail Rehabilitation Applications:

- #22. Vilas Co. Trail 3 in Abor Vitae: Deferred until MS awards are known.
- #23. St. Croix Co. Wildwood Recreation trail: \$15,850
(County is paying 50% of the project.)

Dale moved to recommend funding the trail rehabilitation projects as noted above. Second by Sam.
Motion Passed.

		<p>Mandatory Relocation Applications: #24. Iron Co. Trail 17 near Cramer and Pine Lakes: \$80,357 #25. Vilas Co. Trail 45 Conover: Deferred till February. #26. Vilas Co. Corridor 10 & 13 between Eagle River and Conover: \$110,050 #27. Oneida Co. Corridor 12 s. of Hazelhurst and garth Lake: \$300 (maintenance on 1 additional mile of trail) #28. Calumet Co. Jordan Creek new bridge: \$34,100.</p> <p>Sam moved to recommend funding the mandatory relocation projects as noted above and to consider #25 at the February meeting. Second by Gary. <u>Motion Passed.</u></p> <p>At this point, the Council had recommended funding projects totaling: \$1,248,691 and had set-aside \$100,000 for storm damage. Leaving \$141,309 available for storm damage and requests deferred until the February meeting.</p> <p>Andy moved to recommend funding all joint (winter ATV) trail projects at 50 percent. Second by Gary. <u>Motion Passed</u></p>
<p>Storm damage review and possible funding recommendations</p>		<p>MOTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob move to set aside \$100,000 of available funds for storm damage. Second by Lee. <u>Motion Passed.</u> • Andy moved to recommend funding storm damage projects for both Vilas & Monroe counties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vilas County: \$23,271.50 ○ Monroe County: \$25,220 Second by Sam. <u>Motion Passed</u>
<p>Council elections</p>	<p>Parliamentarian, Bob Lang ran the nomination and election process.</p>	<p>Dale Mayo moved, Mike Holden second to nominate Bev Dittmar as Council chair.</p> <p>Sam moved, second by Dale to close nominations and appoint Bev Dittmar Chair by unanimous ballot. <u>Motion Passed</u></p>

		<p>Steve moved, second by Gary, to nominate Larry Erickson Vice Chair.</p> <p>Dale moved, second by Sam to close nominations and appoint Larry Erickson Vice Chair by unanimous ballot.</p> <p><u>Motion Passed</u></p>
Council Member Items	<p>The DNR's Recreational Opportunities Analysis (ROA) continues. They're currently working on the north east. We need to make sure motorized is represented. One result is a revised Master Plan for NHAL, it is allowing more ATV/UTV use and makes future changes more likely due to increased flexibility.</p> <p>Moved to set up a meeting with the entire SRC Council and the entire ORV Council to hash out the details between the cost-share agreements. 2nd by Steve. Motion Failed.</p> <p>Moved to set up a meeting with a subset of the SRC Council and a subset of the ORV Council to discuss the details between the cost-share agreements and bridge load. 2nd by Steve. <u>Motion Passed</u></p> <p>Infrastructure has done a lot of work. Appreciate all the hard work Gary has put into that. Equipment side has been interesting, more options coming down the road.</p> <p>Great group. Gets lots done. Wish we would have had more money to go farther down the list.</p> <p>As new Tourism Chair, would like members to be people who make money from the sport. Would like some more members of the Council to be in that realm.</p> <p>Thanks to Cathy & Regional Grant staff for all their hard work.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Upcoming joint SRC & ORV representatives (3 each) meeting. TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 17-18, 2018 – Committee and Council meetings, Eagle Waters Resort, Eagle River, WI • August 26-27, 2018 – Council funding meeting in the Wausau/Stevens Point area 	
Adjourn		<p>Motion to adjourn by Larry Erickson second by Gary Hilgendorf. <u>Motion passed.</u></p>