

**OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**

**June 27, 2013**

Large Conference Room, DNR Service Center, Eau Claire, WI

<b>Presenter/ Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points</b>	<b>Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments</b>
	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Rob McConnell, Mike Peterson, Ernie Pulvermacher, and Dave Traczyk  <b>Absent:</b> Alex Bub and Larry Strangfeld</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Diane Conklin, Cathy Burrow, Ed Slaminski, Faith Murray, Beth Norquist, and Ann Loechler – DNR, county coordinators and members of the public</p>	
	<b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Meeting of August 13, 2011.	Motion by Ernie Pulvermacher, second by Mike Peterson to approve the August 13, 2011 minutes. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	<b>3. Chair Comments</b>	<p>There have been a few bills passed already this year.            SB29 – Created an off-road vehicle council appointed by the Governor.            SB32 – Created age restrictions and altered the safety certificate requirement plus made changes regarding the operation of an ATV/UTV.            More will be discussed on these a bit later.</p>	
	<b>4. Reports</b>	<p>Department Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UTV Maintenance Numbers – ATVs vs UTVs  <i>Right now, UTVs have registered enough UTVs that we have already covered the anticipated registration dollars for both grants and gas tax.</i>  <i>UTV Project Aids is proposed as - \$95,600/year</i>  <i>UTV Trail Aids – Formula is proposed as \$64,100/yr.</i></li> </ul>	

		<p><i>These funds will be used to cover the additional \$100/mile maintenance for each mile that allows UTVs on ATV trails.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Budget</b> <i>Currently, we are anticipating a negative balance of (\$695,999) as of the end of June. Therefore, we would like to discuss changes in the timeline of grant awards.</i></li> <li>• <b>Discussion about changing the timeline for grant awards</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Because we receive budget numbers in July each year (beginning of the budget year) we award grants on the come along that we will receive enough revenue to not only cover the cost of grant awards but the additional expenses that are taken out of the ATV funds (i.e., Law Enforcement, Education, state properties, etc.) Therefore, we'd like to Council to consider changing the grant award timeline until later in the year when we have a better handle on how much revenue has been received.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Another issue that the Council should look at is the issue of rating/ranking projects within a category. Because we will need to allocate funds differently than we have been able to do to date, we need to find a way to establish priority projects.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Council Membership</b> <i>As was noted above, SB25 has been passed to create an off-road vehicle (ORV) council appointed by the Governor. Right now, we have</i></li> </ul>	
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	<b>5. Action Arising from Reports</b>	<p>It was noted that the Council needs to look at a few issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What the correct signing is for a TROUTE. We will need a code amendment for this.</li> <li>• Discussion of acceptable TROUTES and what is eligible. Possibly include language in NR 64 that the purpose of a troute is to enhance the trail system, not to enhance a route system. It was decided though that we would leave the definition as it stands, "Trail to trail or trail to services".</li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Mike Peterson to recommend, as an interim policy, that grandfathered and new troutes be signed with the existing white on green signs with a minimum sign of 6" x 6" pending legal and LE review. Second by Dave Traczyk. Motion carried.</p>
	<b>6. Citizen Participation</b>	No comments	
	<b>7. Council Elections</b>	Held off until Governor appointments are known.	
	<b>8. Trail Matters</b>	Need to have a discussion about what are eligible items on Support Facilities (i.e., intense use areas).	
	<b>9. Council Member Items</b>	Rob McConnell gave an update on the Badger Army Ammo site. The master plan is coming out with 500 acres for motorized. Nothing is in stone yet though. VIP Ride will be Sept 20, 2013 in Dyracuse (Rome) and Trail-Con will be in Antigo on August 9-10.	
	<b>10. Adjournment</b>		Motion to adjourn by Dave Traczyk at 3:04 PM. Second by Mike Peterson.

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