

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

July 24, 2015

Schmeekle Conference Room, Stevens Point, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Chair, Dave Traczyk, Vice Chair, Jim Wisneski, Ernie Pulvermacher, Bryan Much, and Bill Schumann. Advisory member Mike Peterson was also present.</p> <p>Excused Absent: Adam Harden</p> <p>Others Present: Diane Conklin-Liaison, Faith Murray, Ann Loechler, Jillian Steffes, Ed Slaminski, Walt Ebersohl and Cathy Burrow from DNR, members of the public and some county coordinators.</p>	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	<p>The chair asked that the minutes approval be postponed as he had not received nor read a copy yet.</p>	<p>Postponed to the August meeting</p>
	3. Chair Comments	<p>Rob McConnell discussed receipt of a letter from two Senior UTV owners. They were very unhappy with the recent experience on the trails that they had. They said the conditions were very bad so Rob went out to see for himself. What he found was that the trail was wet. Beyond that, the trail was fine. However, what the couple had been using prior to that trip were road routes and they were expecting a similar experience.</p> <p>Rob also got a call from another person that wanted to write an article about his experience. He had been riding a long time and enjoyed the rougher experiences that these machines were designed for.</p>	

		<p>Rob wanted to point out these two instances as examples of the differences in riding expectations and asked what the Council felt would be ways to handle this issue. We are going to need to define our riding expectations so that the rider will understand what to expect. Also, signing to explain this needs to be addressed in the future.</p>	
	<p>4. Reports</p>	<p><u>Ad Hoc Committee Updates:</u> Jim Wisneski, chair of the <i>Ad Hoc Committee dealing with Troutes</i> has completed their discussions. Diane Conklin presented a memo that clarified the definition a bit further. There were no changes necessary in the Statute or Code and the expansion of the definition was approved by Legal. The memo written is being attached to these minutes and will be handed out at the August meeting to, again, clarify the issue.</p> <p><i>Ad Hoc Committee dealing with Trail Application Ratings</i> The co-chairs for this committee are Dave Traczyk and Ernie Pulvermacher. Dave explained that Mike Peterson had taken a first run at a rating criteria to get the discussion going. This document was covered point by point in a further discussion. The Ad Hoc Committee will continue to discuss this process but Dave was a bit concerned that by providing a rating, the burden of rating projects would cause additional work to CSS's. Diane provided information that generally, the ratings are done by the applicant with review by the CSS so workload would be minimal.</p> <p><u>Various Splits of Grant depending upon seasons:</u> There are three categories that we fund from each year that may have a split with snowmobiles. It seems that we have tried to split these funds appropriately but it is</p>	

		<p>still somewhat confusing. General discussion was held regarding the project type (bridge vs trail), what to take full financial responsibility for (i.e., gravel), and how much of a percentage to be responsible for.</p> <p>Gary Eddy was not in attendance so there was no LE discussion.</p> <p>Diane Conklin explained that she was not going to present any kind of predictions regarding budget as she didn't want folks to discuss projects on the spreadsheet in terms of cost. She will have this for the funding meeting in August though.</p>	
	5. Action Arising from Reports	Split Discussion:	<p>Motion by Ernie Pulvermacher that we fund WINTER ONLY at 25(ATV/75(Snow) and that SUMMER and YEAR AROUND be split at 50/50. Second by Jim Wisneski. Ernie added that this would be general <i>guidance</i>. Jim agreed with the addition. Motion carried with 1 nay by Dave Traczyk.</p>
	6. Citizen Participation	<p><u>WATVA</u> – No one present</p> <p><u>PUBLIC</u> – Jon Sonnenberg presented the one project he had on the table for this year as he is having major knee surgery and would be unable to attend the August meeting.</p>	
	7. Council Elections		
	8. Trail Matters	The Council would like to see two (2) quotes for gravel in the future as it is getting to be a common item for rehabilitation/development.	<p>Motion by Ernie Pulvermacher to recommend that an application will have two quotes (estimates) for any aggregate expenses. Second by Bill</p>

		The Council reviewed each project presented on the spreadsheet. Any question needing a response is identified on the spreadsheet. Grants staff will be reviewing this and seeking response from the project sponsor.	Schumann. <u>Motion carried</u> with two (2) Nay votes – Bryan Much and Dave Traczyk.
	9. Council Member Items	<p>Rob McConnell looked at Council Member expirations. The process for reappointment is to go to the Governor's website and submit request for reappointment. The site is: http://walker.wi.gov/governor-office/apply-to-serve/boards-commissions</p> <p>Jim Wisneski – decommissioning the Troute Ad Hoc Committee..</p> <p>Ernie Pulvermacher – None</p> <p>Bryan Much – None</p> <p>Dave Traczyk – None</p> <p>Bill Schumann - Nothing</p>	
	10. Next Meeting Date/Location	The next meeting will be (Tuesday), August 25, 2015, at the Weston Lanes 5902 Schofield Ave, Weston, WI, 54476 (Mountain Bay Banquet Rooms)	
	11. Adjournment		Motion by Dave Traczyk to adjourn at 4:12 PM. Second by Ernie Pulvermacher. <u>Motion carried.</u>