

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**Minutes November 3, 2016**

Teleconference meeting, public meeting site: GEF2, 101 S. Webster, Madison, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
Call to Order	<p>Members Present in via Phone: Bev Dittmar- Chair, Larry Erickson-Vice Chair, Lee Van Zeeland, Dale Mayo, Dave Newman, Sam Landes, Michelle Martin, Andy Malecki, Tom Chwala, Mike Holden, Gary Hilgendorf, Steve Moran, Nancy Olson</p> <p>Absent: Bob Lang</p> <p>DNR by phone: Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski</p> <p>Public Meeting Room: Drew Nussbaum-Tourism Liaison; Cathy Burrow-DNR</p>	Meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.
Agenda Repair	None.	
Comments	<p>Chair stated her opinion that although we have more funds than usual, the Council still needs to be vigilant in recommending project funding.</p> <p>Vice Chair, Larry Erickson gave an update on storm damage in Iron County. Their ATV & Snowmobile clubs worked together to repair the damage out of their basic maintenance and volunteer work. It was a great team work effort.</p> <p>He also commended the members of the Council who attended the Council Panel session at the AWSC workshop. It was a good show of partners working together as well.</p> <p>Dave Newman, also thanked the Council members for participating at the AWSC workshop and stated their sessions were well received.</p>	
Citizen Participation	None.	
DNR Report	<p>Wetland Guidance: Update on the wetland ID and delineation process. There will be a field visit next week in an effort to work through the guidance on the ground, looking to identify the flexibility for recreation trails.</p>	

Storm Damage in western Wisconsin: Very preliminary information at this point. Ten counties received federal emergency declaration the week of Oct. 17th. They were:

Adams	Juneau
Chippewa	La Crosse
Clark	Monroe
Crawford	Richland
Jackson	Vernon

Three counties: Buffalo, Eau Claire and Trempealeau have significant snowmobile trail damage but did not qualify for FEMA funding.

Funding – Taylor County had a winter-ATV trail application that was deferred by the Off-Road Vehicle Council (ORVC). This recommended funding half. Once storm damage claims have been finalized, the county will be looking for more funding for this bridge.

ORV Council Action: At their November 1 meeting the ORVC indicated their intention to determine their funding cost-share preference at their application preview meeting in early summer. This means when this Council holds their funding meeting in August, joint Snow/ATV projects won't always be presented as an even split.

SNARS – Groomer Tracking Systems presented the system at the AWSC workshop on Oct. 29. It was received with mixed reactions.

DNR is in the process of setting up training for the County Trail Coordinators. Those trainings will be held regionally. We will do club training but only if entire counties are able to join with a neighboring county. We don't have the resources to train individual clubs.

SNARS implementation is a work in process and a learning experience for all. We're developing a FAQ and will share information in every way we can.

	<p>Cathy asked the Council to grant authority to the Rates subcommittee: Larry Erickson, Gary Hilgendorf, Bob Lang, Dale Mayo to make decisions regarding equipment to add to SNARS and then present the updates to the Council at formal meetings. SNARS implementation would be delayed to wait for Council approval on each action.</p>	<p>Steve Moran moved to allow the Rates Subcommittee to handle the DOT and equipment rate additions to SNARS on a day-to-day basis. Updates to be provided to the Council at regular meetings. Second by Tom Chwala. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>								
<p>Storm damage funding requests</p>	<p>Northwest Storm Damage The Council reviewed the documented FEMA storm damage amounts for the July 11 even in the north west. The totals were significantly less than the original estimates.</p> <p>Next the requests from Bayfield County were reviewed, these are on USFS land and therefore are not FEMA eligible. The USFS has indicated they will not be able to repair the trails until next year. Bayfield County has a maintenance agreement with the FS to maintain these trails.</p> <p>These projects will allow Trail 63, Drummond Connector and Trail 15 near Grand View both important connectors to open for this '16-17 season. In addition the USFS is contributing \$31,000 toward the Trail 63 (Drummond) project.</p> <p>Drew Nussbaum, Tourism added that the economic impact from tourism in Ashland and Bayfield Counties is \$26.5 million annually.</p> <p>West & South Central Damage Next the 3 counties that didn't qualify for FEMA were discussed.</p>	<p>Andy Malecki moved to fund the counties with final FEMA amounts.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ashland:</td> <td>\$14,288</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bayfield:</td> <td>\$ 5,018</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burnett:</td> <td>\$ 1,445</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Washburn:</td> <td>\$ 6,687</td> </tr> </table> <p>Second by Mike Holden. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Motion by Dale Mayo to fund the Trail 63, Drummond connector project less the administrative and overhead costs of \$4,434 for a total of \$20,929. Second by Larry Erickson. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Motion by Dale Mayo to fund the Trail 15 project less the administrative costs of \$14556.10 for a total of \$18,200. Second by Andy Malecki. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p>Storm damage in 10 federal disaster counties will be awarded at the Feb. 19, 2017 Council meeting.</p> <p>The council indicated that those counties will need to clearly document their need for funding including, photos, maps showing the implication of not opening the trails, detailed estimates, etc. The Council will review the submittals and call a meeting as soon as possible to possibly award funds if the need is shown.</p>	Ashland:	\$14,288	Bayfield:	\$ 5,018	Burnett:	\$ 1,445	Washburn:	\$ 6,687
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		Council will call a special meeting to consider non-FEMA qualified storm damage if documentation warrants.
Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications	None.	
Council Member Items	<p>Larry – The complete snowmobile trail network in Iron County will be open for the '16-17 season.</p> <p>Dale – Very happy with the progress the program has made since 4 years ago when no project grants were awarded. Also, Vilas County SNARS pilot participants are very happy with it.</p> <p>Bev – All council members have done a commendable job evaluation applications and sharing the snowmobile funds throughout the state.</p> <p>Gary – Pleased that the Council members came to ASWSC. He thinks our problems go away when everything is transparent.</p> <p>Drew – From a tourism stand point this Council is doing great work.</p>	
Next Meeting	<p>Ann or Cathy will provide the Council with detailed information on the storm damage in Buffalo, Eau Claire & Trempealeau counties.</p> <p>Ann will also find out if any of these counties believe they can get the tails open before the season begins.</p>	<p>The Council will determine if another teleconference meeting is required to attend to these requests.</p> <p>Next formal meeting is Feb. 19, 2017, in Siren at the AWSC Celebrate Wisconsin Snowmobile event.</p>
Adjourn		Motion to adjourn by Andy Malecki, second by Dale Mayo. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.