

Finance Committee of the Snowmobile Recreation Council
DNR Wautoma Service Center
Wednesday, December 7, 2005
Wautoma, WI

Present: Bev Dittmar, Mike Willman, Mike Cerny

Others: Larry Freidig, DNR

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM.

Motion by Mike Cerny, second by Mike Willman to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion Carried

Year-end report

Larry briefly summarized the year-end report for fiscal 2004-05. Items noted included:

- Final payment of the Sparta overpass project totaling \$31,000
- Explanation of the ALIS transaction fee
- Investment missing as the report was never finalized prior to the issuance of the Department's condition statement. Larry indicated that this interest would show up in next year's revenue report.
- Lacking the last fiscal quarter of the sales tax collection fee. Larry indicated that this too would show up in next year's revenue report.

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Motion by Mike Willman, second by Mike Cerny to accept the 2004-05 year-end report. Motion Carried

Supplemental processing

Larry distributed the final supplemental tabulation showing a statewide 93.7 per cent prorate of claims. Larry also distributed a summary of his observations and comments regarding the first year of claim review in the Madison office of DNR. Larry noted that 4 counties and 2 clubs went over the \$75 limit. He also indicated that the total number of non-resident trail passes sold was revised upward by 360 resulting in an additional \$5,400 into the supplemental program.

There was a general discussion on the improvements in the supplemental processing.

Specialty Enforcement Teams

Larry distributed an analysis prepared by the legislative fiscal bureau regarding the request to fund the balance of \$32,000 for the enforcement effort from general purpose revenue. Larry reported that the Joint Committee on Finance had approved the enforcement team proposal with GPR as the funding source.

Club Assistance Program (CAP)

Larry briefly outlined early discussions with the Department's bureau of Customer Service on the initial proposals for a two tier registration system. Committee discussion included the following points:

- Concern over the potential impacts of annualizing snowmobile registration revenues

- Question of whether sell passes good for two years was feasible. The committee identified the lack of a way of transferring a pass as an inhibiting factor)
- Potentially paying for registration administration costs twice
- The potential burden on snowmobile clubs
- Uncertainty of sufficient funds to run the programs, particularly during the implementation year
- The need to demonstrate that the program would not suffer as a result of the change.
- Turn around time for issuing passes

The committee felt it needed more information before they could support the concept

Hubbleton Bridge Status

Larry briefly reviewed the history of the involvement of both snowmobile funds and federal recreation trail program funds in the project. The committee discussion focused on cost elements of the revised cost estimate and a question on how much is too much for any snowmobile project or structure.

There was committee action taken because of a lack of funds-the request for additional project funds would need to be addressed at a future funding meeting.

Snowmobile trailer license plate/formula modification

Larry indicated that the Senate passing the repeal of the gasoline tax indexing might make formula modifications a very challenging task. There was a brief discussion on a revenue sharing concept on the implementation of snowmobile trailer license fees, but no action was taken.

Motion by Mike Willman, second by Mike Cerny to adjourn at 12:05 PM. Motion Carried