

Finance Committee of the Council  
Telephone Conference Call  
Public Access Site – Room 817, GEF 2  
101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI  
January 22, 2007

Present: Bev Dittmar, Mike Willman, Mike Cerny

Others: Larry Freidig

Meeting called to order at 1:10 PM.

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

Larry reviewed the 2005-06 year end report. Larry indicated that this report is a snapshot of the health of the snowmobile program at the end of the previous fiscal year. There was a brief discussion on certain elements of the report, e.g. the ALIS transaction deduction. Larry stressed that the amount in the closing WISMART registration balance pertains program wide and should not be confused with the unobligated balance in the trail portion of the program. He indicated that the modifications he listed below the closing WISMART registration balance pertains to actions that were taken in just the trails portion of the program. He indicated that the closing WISMART balance in the motor fuel account should look more familiar as the committee reviews this unobligated balance every year in preparation for the trail funding cycle, i.e. it pertains only to the trails portion of the snowmobile program.

Larry briefly confirmed with committee members that the s. 13.10 request for the ability to use \$111,000 of unobligated gas tax funds for the Oconto County supplemental request was approved. He indicated that the county had gone ahead and provided county funds in addition to the balance of roughly \$28,000 remaining in the supplemental account to serve as a project advance. Larry also indicated that the s.13.10 request for additional snowmobile funds for the specialty enforcement teams was withdrawn from the committee agenda; Larry had no further information on the issue.

Larry indicated that snowmobile registrations for 2007 as compared to the same time period for 2006 (January 4) was approximately 9,700 fewer. The committee requested that he obtain comparable information for February 1 in anticipation of the upcoming council meeting.

The committee revisited the case for an increase in the non-resident trail pass fee. They could site justifications based on increased fuel costs and parity with adjoining states, but there was concern over the potential of losing pass sales with an increased fee. There was a concern that the health of the program did not presently warrant such a fee increase. In general it was the feeling of the committee that more justification needs to be provided; the consensus of the committee was not to recommend any increase at this time.

There were no member items.

Motion by Mike Willman, second by Mike Cerny to adjourn at 1:45 PM. Motion Carried