

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD (Telephone Conference)**August 16, 2005**

Public Meeting Location – Room 406, GEF 2, 101 S. Webster, Madison, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
10:05 AM Mike Cerny	1. Call to Order	Members Present: Mike Cerny, chair, Larry Erickson, Jerry Green, Andy Malecki, Rick Steimel, Ton Thornton, Bev Dittmar, Donna White, Tom Chwala, Mike Willman, Karen Carlson, Sam Landes Others Present: Larry Freidig	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting		Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Tom Chwala to accept minutes of the previous meeting. <u>Motion Carried</u>
	3. Comments	Mike reported that he had been in communication with Larry regarding the status of supplemental funds to determine if a fund balance would be available for additional projects and the status of the two high profile projects. He did report being in contact with the Governor's office on the potential for funding the Eagle River (Mud Creek) bridge project yet this year. He also indicated that he had been in touch with committee chairs to discuss directions the committees will be taking.	
	4. Citizen Participation	None	
	5. Reports Department	Larry reported that the total request for supplemental maintenance funds far outstripped the amount of funds available. He indicated that while they are still collecting	

		<p>the requests from the regions and state properties that the request is likely to be in the area of \$2.2-\$2.3 million, considerably more than the \$1,8+ million available. Larry then went on to discuss the status of the unobligated funds. He reviewed for the Council the Governor's veto of the provisions that would have required the lapse of \$500,000 from the motor fuel account and \$300,000 from the non-resident trail pass account. He reminded Council members that no unobligated funds were made available for the funding meeting. Larry reported that the unobligated total for the motor fuel tax account was approximately \$228,000 and for the non-resident transfer approximately \$16,000. He also indicated that the lapse of \$1.2 million from the registration account will take place as proposed in the budget. Larry indicated that this was the decline of registration 2 years ago that had finally manifested itself in the state accounting system. Larry conveyed that he would be meeting with members of the Department of Administration and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau in the near future to discuss the lapse issues.</p> <p>Larry also reported that a small request for Rock County for bridge rehab had been mistakenly omitted from the project listing</p> <p>.</p>	
	<p>6. Council consideration of additional project requests</p>	<p>Mike Cerny indicated that there appeared to be sufficient funds to undertake the Eagle River bridge project and include the Rock County request. He indicated that it might also be prudent to complete the funding of the Mole Lake trail project recommended at the previous meeting.</p> <p>Discussion on the motion included the following points:</p>	<p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Tom Thornton to recommend approving the Eagle River bridge project, the balance of the Mole Lake bridge/trail project and the Rock County bridge rehab project.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question on the status of the bridge trail. Larry indicated that DOT would close the highway bridge to snowmobile traffic this season if no snowmobile bridge was imminent, but would keep it open if the bridge project was underway. • Issue of the potential closure of the trail due to private easements • Andy Malecki seeking input from Council members on the impact of the partial investment (\$100,000) on the Highway 64 bridge as it pertains to DOT. • Mike highlighting the request of the Governor's office regarding both the Mole Lake and Eagle River bridge/trail projects. 	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>M. Willman</td> <td>Y</td> <td>J. Green</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. Dittmar</td> <td>Y</td> <td>K. Carlson</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Thornton</td> <td>Y</td> <td>A. Malecki</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R. Steimel</td> <td>Y</td> <td>D. White</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. Erickson</td> <td>Y</td> <td>S. Landes</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T. Chwala</td> <td>Y</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p>	M. Willman	Y	J. Green	Y	B. Dittmar	Y	K. Carlson	Y	T. Thornton	Y	A. Malecki	Y	R. Steimel	Y	D. White	Y	L. Erickson	Y	S. Landes	Y	T. Chwala	Y		
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	<p>7. Member Items</p>	<p>Andy Malecki discussed with Council members whether it would be possible to wait to the next funding cycle for the completion of the highway 64 bridge funding, realizing that the Council could not commit future funds to the project.</p> <p>Jerry Green expressed his desire to get better projections on supplemental requests in the future.</p> <p>Larry Erickson expressing his desire to take a serious look at raising the non-resident trail pass fees</p> <p>Andy Malecki re-emphasized the need to take a closer look at the distribution of costs for combination project involving ATVs and snowmobiles.</p> <p>There was a concern voiced over the impact of increasing fuel costs on construction and maintenance</p>																									

		<p>projects.</p> <p>Sam Landes stressed the need for financial contributions from the benefactors of the snowmobile program.</p> <p>Tom Chwala reported on the Hubbleton bridge project He reported that with additional engineering services they have determined that the bridge structure will need to be a longer structure than first estimated. Tom indicated that Jefferson County has a total of \$400,000 in combined snowmobile and federal recreation trails grants, but the project will require an additional \$225,000 to complete the project. He will be sending Council members a summary of the project to date.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on the increase in federal recreation trail funds in the new federal transportation bill recently enacted.</p> <p>Sam Landes requesting consideration of holding the next Council meeting in conjunction with the annual AWSC workshops.</p> <p>Andy Malecki questioned progress on the legislative sound proposal. Larry indicated that the Assembly Tourism committee took no action for lack of a quorum.</p>	
	<p>8. Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion by Donna White, second by Jerry Green to adjourn at 10:50 AM. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>