

**SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**

**August 25, 2008**

Portage County Annex, Stevens Point, WI

<b>Presenter/ Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points</b>	<b>Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments</b>
	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Mike Cerny, Bev Dittmar, Mike Willman, Andy Malecki, Jerry Green, Sam Landes, Donna White, Karen Carlson, Tom Chwala, Jon Schweitzer, Rick Steimel, Tom Thornton and Bob Lang</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Diane Conklin, Gary Eddy, Gary Hanson, Pat Zatopa, Tom Blotz and Tim Panzer from DNR and other county and AWSC representatives and members of the public</p>	Meeting called to order at 8:31 am
	<b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Minutes of February 8, 2008 were presented.	Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Donna White to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
	<b>3. Comments</b>	Chair's report – Mike Cerny Vice Chair's report – Bev Dittmar	Has been quiet this year. Decisions are going to be painful so understand that we are working hard to make the best decisions
	<b>4. Citizen Participation</b>	<p>Morris Nelson, AWSC Legislative Committee person provided the following updates and requests Council support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal property tax exemption on grooming equipment.</li> <li>• Sales tax issues on groomer parts.</li> <li>• Decision on Amery-Dresser trail trying to update state statute for snowmobile use.</li> <li>• Out-of-state user fee to be transferred to supplemental fund.</li> </ul>	<p>Larry E makes motion, second by Sam to support AWSC regarding their items presented.</p> <p>Discussion: Mike Cerny would like to see more descriptive information of these issues. Rick Steimel agreed, more detail is needed.</p> <p>Language was presented by Morris</p>

			Nelson but he didn't have the complete details. Morris will provide the exact language. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	<b>5. Reports</b>	<p>State Trails – Tom Thornton Tom indicated that he had missed the July meeting because of family emergency. He did however, attend the April meeting and discussed Amery to Dresser trail. Membership continues to be an issue for this council. There are only 2 motorized members on this council. A bill was presented to increase the membership but it died without being addressed.</p> <p>Department</p> <p>RTA ranking results – Diane Conklin presented information regarding availability of funds and balance after funding of projects. There is approximately \$25,000 left in the motorized funding.</p>	
	<b>6. Reports of Standing Committees</b>	<p>Finance Committee – Bev Dittmar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bev provided a summary of available funds for this year's grant applications. There is approximately \$6.4 million available. However, we have received a total of approximately \$7.7 million in requests. Therefore, we are going to be making some tough decisions.</li> <li>• Regarding supplemental – we had 56 counties and 8 state properties submit claims for supplemental totaling approximately \$3.8 million. Some claim came in over the cap of \$750/mile and were reduced. Right now, supplemental is roughly calculated at approximately 56%. However, this is</li> </ul>	

		<p>only AN ESTIMATE. Until audits have been completed, the actual supplemental pro-rate is unknown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Finance Committee also has discussed auditing 5 counties that were not applying for supplemental in future years to assure that paperwork was being maintained and reported accurately.</li> </ul> <p>Law Enforcement Committee – Rick Steimel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OWI tie in was discussed at last night's meeting. Work will continue to go on to understand the expenses and issues dealing with this concept. MN passed a law in approximately 1997. MN has been seeing a trend in a reduction in fatalities since this law was passed. MI law was passed in 1995. They are also seeing a downward trend in fatalities. WI is showing, since 1990, that there is a trend showing increases in fatalities. The cost is of concern.</li> <li>Discussion was also held regarding fatal accident statistics, both last year and historically. Other issues covered was non-resident trail pass concerns regarding the use of these passes</li> </ul> <p>Infrastructure Committee – Andy Malecki</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee had 2 meetings. June 30 and last evening. Updates on Bridge Guideline booklet. Meetings still being set up and hopefully ready for April, 09.</li> <li>Signing Arrow update discussion. Nothing at this time to update further.</li> </ul>	<p>More will be coming on that.</p>
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		<p>that the T-zone issue continues to cause concerns because trails cannot open until all landowners agree. Three in Iron County didn't want trails opened until after the season closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smart Growth has caused some concern. If you have concerns, contact your zoning staff for more information.</li> <li>• Bridge Inspections, out-of-state pass issues and equipment taxing were subjects of interest.</li> <li>• Bill Schumann gave a brief report of IASA congress. Also, Bill gave information regarding the CAP program.</li> <li>• Grooming inventory will be conducted due in before the December meeting.</li> <li>• New mile applications will be reported in the future.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>7.Action Arising from Reports</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Tom Thornton for 5 counties randomly chosen, not in supplemental program, be audited every year. <u>Motion carried.</u></li> <li>• Motion from Jon Schweitzer, second by Tom Thornton to explore a meeting with DOT, ATV, AWSC and boating recreation groups to discuss this and seek input for this to occur in WI. Tom Thornton, Bev Dittmar, Rick Steimel and Mike Cerny to attend</li> </ul>

			<p>on behalf of the council, to discuss OWI- DL connection. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion to amend the above motion to include ORV Council in the discussion. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Jon Schweitzer, second by Rick Steimel to have DNR work with DOT to see if they can work out any problems have relative to receiving citations to show convictions of OWI and putting this on DL if ATV, Snow and Boating uses are included. <u>Motion carried.</u></li> <li>• Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Larry Erickson that an inventory be conducted that the power units and drags being used, to include mileage used per machine, both funded and non-funded to be presented at the December meeting. <u>Motion carried.</u></li> </ul>
	<p><b>8. Budget</b></p>	<p>2009-11 Budget – Diane Conklin We are anticipating a lower number of snowmobiles to be registered, thereby reducing the funding available for next year’s projects. This is based upon an ongoing trend that has been followed for many years now.</p>	

	<p><b>9. Council Elections</b></p>	<p>Elections were held for the position of Chair and Vice Chair.</p>	<p>Motion by Jerry Green, second by Tom Thornton to nominate Mike Cerny as Chair. After 3 calls for nominations, Andy Malecki moved, second by Tom Thornton to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Cerny. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Donna White, second by Andy Malecki to nominate Bev Dittmar for Council vice chair.</p> <p>After 3 calls for nominations, Jerry Green moved, seconded by Donna White to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bev Dittmar. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<p><b>10. Trail Matters</b></p>	<p>Equipment and labor rates</p> <p>Proposed County Snowmobile Program Review and recommendations of project requests Maintenance</p> <p>Bridge Rehabilitation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Sam Landes, that the grooming rates and equipment and labor rates remain the same as last season. <u>Motion carried.</u></li> </ul> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Donna White to approve maintenance of \$4,668,650. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Jon Schweitzer, second by Donna White to approve all projects as presented (see list below) with the</p>

			<p>exception of Door County. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Trempealeau Co Wickham - \$26,433  Trempealeau Co Asleson Culv- \$4,600  Vernon Co Klum Br- \$45,900  Clark Co W Fk Yellow R- \$33,800  LaCrosse Co. Mindoro Br- \$9,850  Juneau Co. Omaha Trail - \$73,234  Dunn Co. Tiffany Cr Bridge- \$67,900  Jackson Co White Cr Bridge- \$8,675  Burnett Co Trail 41 Bridge - \$2,500  Rusk Co Soft Maple/Cranb. - \$21,250  Rusk Co Swift Cr Brdwlk - \$42,700  Sawyer Co – Leons Cr - \$27,180  Iron Co Silver Street Br - \$2,120  Iron Co Circle Lilly Cr - \$2,102  Oneida Co Tomahawk R. - \$57,800  Oneida Co Mosquito Cr - \$9,843  Oneida Co Stacks Bay - \$12,500  Oneida Co Pelican River - \$15,582  Sheboygan Co Fishers Cr - \$16,200  Sheboygan Co Seven Mi Cr - \$16,250  Sheboygan Co Mueller Br - \$27,300  Ozaukee Co Belgium – \$2,000  Green Co Allen Cr - \$19,970  Outagamie Co Bear Creek - \$1,818  Waupaca Co Hatch Lk - \$2,950  Total: \$550,457</p> <p>Motion by Mike Willman second by Andy Malecki to approve Door County Bridge Rehab - \$54,692. Roll Call vote was requested.</p>
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		<p>New Bridges  The following project(s) were withdrawn by project representatives:  Bayfield Co. Bono Creek  Florence Co Nicolet ST N to Daumitz Rd.  Trempealeau Co Nysven Culvert.</p> <p>No project funds were allocated in the following categories:  Discretionary Trail Relocation  Non-Trail Requests  New Miles</p>	<p>Move by Donna White, second by Tom Thornton to approve new bridges as presented for a total of \$403,629.  <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>LaCrosse Co LaCrosse R - \$68,600  Marathon Co Dill Cr - \$45,500  Marathon Co Scotch Cr - \$23,750  Marathon Co Silver Cr - \$ 33,463  Marathon Co Wild Cr - \$58,000  Oneida Co Skunk Cr - \$44,100  Forest Co Nicolet ST - \$53,371  Rusl Co McDermott Cr - \$24,645  Bayfield Co Bibon Tr - \$28,000  Bayfield Co Spring Cr - \$24,200  Total: \$403,629</p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to approve \$142,827 for cost overruns/FEMA expenses with \$250,000 transferred to Snowmobile Supplemental by 13.10 process.  <u>Motion carried.</u> (1-opposed)</p>
	<b>9. Member Items</b>	IASA items of Interest – Donna White	RTP is up for reauthorization. There is a significant chance that we might not see this funding.
	<b>10. Next Meeting</b>		Next meeting – December 5 or 8 <sup>th</sup> .
	<b>11. Adjournment</b>		Motion to adjourn made Bob Lang, second by Jerry Green. <u>Motion carried.</u>