

**OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**

**April 23, 2007**

Schmeekle Reserve Visitor Center, 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> Larry Strangfeld, Chair, Rob McConnell, Vice Chair, Dave Traczyk, Russell Hermsen, Joe Fitzgerald, and Mike Peterson</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Gary Eddy, LE, Larry Freidig and Diane Conklin, Gary Harden, DNR, Randy Harden, WATVA, Terry Coplien and Don Mrotek NOVHIS Ambassador Reps, John Bilogan, Oneida County</p>	
	<b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	No additions, corrections or comments	Motion to Approve – Dave Traczyk Second – Rob McConnell Motion Carried
	<b>3. Comments</b>	Forestry Meeting – attended by Rob McConnell.	<p>Forest Invasives Leadership Team working on Best Management Practices (BMPs) dealing with invasive species on state forests. The goal is to prevent or reduce the spread and avoid new infestations.</p> <p>Larry Strangfeld discussed contamination issues with seed, gravel, etc. Contaminants were coming in with materials. Mike Peterson indicated that we're a long way from resolving this issue. Ultimately, the end philosophy will be clean materials in, clean materials out.</p>

			Rob will send copies of meeting minutes to council upon receipt.
	<b>4. Reports</b>	<p>07-09 Budget – Larry reported that we are half way through the process.</p> <p>Legislative Council State Trails Committee proposals – will be meeting again May 9. Also, State Trails Council would like to have another council to discuss non-motorized trails, similar to the one that dealt with motorized issues.</p> <p>Year-End Report – Still have a relatively large balance per the report provided to the council.</p> <p>Bridge Guidelines – Larry updated the council on actions being taken by the Snowmobile Council per bridge engineering by Sanjay Olson, DNR Engineer. Weight load is changing from a “point” load to “train” load, thereby increasing the structure design from 12,000 lbs. to 14,000 lbs. This will NOT be a requirement until the administrative rules are updated, which could take a year. However applications could be coming in this funding cycle indicating the increased weight. The bridge guidelines will be updated and will also discuss having two (2) decks; one structural, one wearable.</p> <p>S.13.10 County Enforcement Aids Request</p> <p>Bridges under 40’ long must have design approved (but we are still reviewed by our engineers). Over 40’ must have stamped plans.</p> <p>Larry reported on seasonal signing. Summer use will be white design, lettering and border on a brown background. Winter will be brown design, lettering and border on white background. Year around will be split in</p>	

		<p>the middle but will maintain both color schemes. This change will be part of the rules change.</p> <p>NH-AL Progress – Currently there are two (2) location proposals on the table. DNR forest superintendent has been very open minded regarding this process and use.</p> <p>Black River Forest is starting their master planning process now.</p> <p>Cheese Country Trail – Potential re-conversion of this rail grade that is currently owned by three counties.</p> <p>Motorized Recreation Area Activity – This project continues to move along. Parks is in a data collection mode through early summer. It will go through their stakeholder group (new one) and have a series of town meetings in late summer/fall to get input. The person initially spearheading this, Bill Morressy, has retired and parks hopes to have his replacement in the next few months. (Larry Freidig)</p> <p>Internet Course/New Safety Manual Progress – This is taking longer than anticipated as the initial company was bought out. Latest revision is out (third), awaiting response from the company. No clear date as to when to anticipate the course. Anticipated completion date is by 2008. (Gary Eddy)</p> <p>ATV Enforcement team test – A group of field wardens travel around the state where an elevated enforcement presence is needed. They will concentrate on off-road trail use/damage, along with speed, alcohol, etc. They are in the process of putting a team together to try this for the first time and finding a location. They are seeking input from the Towns Association.</p>	
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	<b>5.Action Arising from Reports</b>	AB59 – Gary Eddy will wait until this proceeds before processing additional action.	
	<b>6. Trail Matters</b>	<p>Gary Hanson brought up the use of Durasoil as a dust control. Dunbar has already applied it and it is working well. Gary requested guidance to be developed in anticipation of the volume of applications that should occur, once this is out.</p> <p>Oneida County request – John Bilegon requested additional funds for the campground they are developing of \$23,000.</p> <p>Review of Project Selection Priorities</p> <p>AB59 – ATV Personal Access Bill – Rep. Mursau (NER) – DNR will testify in opposition to this bill. WATVA has no official position on this bill.</p> <p>ATV Regulations – making language more user friendly inserting more layman’s terms and make it more understandable., Gary will be developing some specialized pamphlets addressing specific areas, i.e., agricultural use, youthful operation and “first time owner” or new to state ownership. Updated versions will be available on line along with the pamphlets.</p>	<p>It was determined by the council that this would be a part of maintenance with a review by water management staff. It should be reviewed at the fall meeting.</p> <p>Motion to approve the new toilet configuration and improvements totaling \$23,000 to cover cost overruns was made by Russell Hermson, seconded by Mike Peterson. Discussion by Mike Peterson as to whether it was appropriate to bring this to the table between grant cycles. It was agreed to accept this as it had been submitted quite some time ago. Motion carried.</p> <p>Consensus of the council was to retain the existing structure for this funding cycle. It would be reviewed after the funding discussion at the July meeting.</p> <p>A motion was made to continue to oppose the public access law as it is addressed by Mike Peterson, seconded by Joe Fitzgerald. Motion carried.</p>

		Improper use of hand signals when trail riding – newsletters out to all ATV instructors regarding proper hand signals. Reevaluate the need to notify the number of riders in a group.	
	<b>7. Member Items</b>	Mike Peterson – Wild Rivers Trail Commission – the future, disband or look at alternatives. One alternative was to broaden up and look at all trails (non-motorized and motorized).	
	<b>8. Public Comments</b>	<p>Randy Harden discussed State Organization Legislation Technical correction to NR 51.73 – Amery to Dresser extension. Trying to clear up language that is silent about snowmobile and atv use – silent sports enthusiasts feel that without this identified, they are not allowed.</p> <p>License plate issue moving forward – special legislative council felt it was valid. Survey has been concluded with a 60% approval by members of WATVA.</p> <p>Trespassing – increasing fines and broadening definition of trespassing, in general.</p> <p>Titling – not through DOT, similar to licensing  Would include PWC, side-by-side (UTC), dirt bikes</p> <p>Convert the council from DNR appointed to Governor appointed.</p>	
	<b>8. Next Meeting</b>	July 11, 2007, DNR Service Center, Eau Claire, WI	
	<b>9. Adjournment</b>	Motion to adjourn made by Russell Hermsen, second by Joe Fitzgerald. Motion carried.	