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OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

July 21, 2009

Portage County Annex, Stevens Point, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
Larry Strangfeld – 10:00 AM	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Larry Strangfeld, Alex Bub, Teresa Maday, Rob McConnell, Mike Peterson, Joe Fitzgerald, and Dave Traczyk</p> <p>Others Present: Diane Conklin, Gary Eddy, Lavane Hessler, Pat Zatopa, JD Smith, Mary Rose Teves, Gary Hanson, Tim Panzer, Ed Slaminski, – DNR, and members of the public.</p>	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	We need to acknowledge the importance of Rusty Hermsen’s voice and presence on this Council. He played a vital role as this council evolved from the Motorcycle Recreation Council to it’s current title of Off Road Vehicle Council. He will be missed by the Council. The minutes of the last meeting should reflect this inclusion.	Motion by Dave Traczyk, second by Rob McConnell to approve the minutes with the inclusion of Russ Hermsen’s important value. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	3. Chair Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of council members. Alex Bub and Teresa Maday, new council members, introduced themselves. • Larry went on to request that the public introduce themselves as well. • The Chair attended several meetings of the special group discussion the OWI-DL issue. More will be discussed later. • Also, we are very short of funds so we are going to have to work hard to spend our money wisely. 	
	4. Reports	Department Reports	

		<p>1. RTA funding – Diane has had a hard time finding out how much money was available. However, grants staff have met and ranked potential projects. When we have finalized the amount of funds available, we will publish a final list of project awards. The State Trails Council recently decided that, for grants, there will be a maximum grant cap of \$30,000 per project, starting in 2010-11.</p> <p>2. Current Budget – We currently have approximately \$3.7 million for projects this year. (See attached Estimated Available funds document.) We received requests totaling approximately \$5.5 million for projects and maintenance this year.</p> <p>3. Bi-Annual Budget – a summary of the Governor’s budget was discussed by Diane Conklin. There was a 1% reduction of funds this year.</p> <p>4. LE – Gary Eddy Safety - helmets needed more (educational) Carabineers being replaced with stickers for safety graduates. LUV Pilot Program – Gary provided a brief update. ATV definition – changing width to 50”, rim restrictions removed, low pressure tires changed from 6 psi to 10 psi. Snow plow language is being drafted. OWI Tie-in issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started with the Snowmobile Rec Council • Expanded to include ATVs and boating groups as all are impacted by the issue. • Members attending were from the ORV Council, 	
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		<p>Snowmobile Rec Council, WATVA, AWSC, Wisconsin Waterways Commission, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, DOT, and DNR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WATVA, Snowmobile Recreational Council and State Trails Council have sent or are sending letters to the Governor and Secretary Frank in support of legislation. <p>Route Issues – we’re getting a lot of calls from local units of government regarding ATV routes. A lot of routes are approved as an alternate means of transportation instead of connecting trails or services.</p>	
	5. Action Arising from Reports		Motion by Mike Peterson, second by Teresa Maday to draft a letter of support for the OWI-DL tie in to Governor and Sec. Frank. <u>Motion carried.</u>
	6. Citizen Participation	<p>Gary Hanson suggested that we (ORV and DNR) improve our communication regarding accountability of ATV registration funds. Where the money comes from, where does it go. He was looking for something that could be handed out or posted on the website – charts, graphs, something easy to understand. Suggestions of placemats, signs at trailheads and other location, etc. Flyer in the registrations also.</p> <p>Is it premature to increase width of machines without the increase in funds.</p> <p>Mark Schroeder – is there a system for motorcycle registration? Right now, if it isn’t registered, it can’t go on the trails in Douglas County. There is a demand motorcycle uses.</p>	

		<p>Alex Bub indicated that WOHMA is working with Rep. Mursau for a motorcycle registration program similar to ATVs.</p> <p>Greg Peterson, Sawyer County. Has two issues/concerns to bring forward. 1) Is there a possibility that the council can look at re-vamping review process for grants. Once grants are approved by the Council, we don't know when we'll get final approval. Some are taking one year to review internally. 2) Permitting process is also compounding the time to review grants. It appears that permits are being reviewed after the DNR internal review occurs.</p> <p>Ed Slaminski brought up local issues as to why they are being held up.</p> <p>Mike Peterson will scope out the issues dealing with the review and prepare ideas for the next council meeting</p> <p>Bob Skalitsky brought up dust and how to resolve this issue where they are close to population areas and homes. He requests that the Council will look at this issue and the possibility of alternative surfacing and funding of these alternatives. Bob also provided an invitation to anyone in the area of Lakewood area to stop by and see the new trailhead recently completed.</p> <p>Gary Hanson also indicated that the section north of the Nicolet State Trail is now open.</p> <p>Also, the Snowmobile Recreation Council is developing a new rating criteria for bridge rehab projects. They will be seeking someone from the ORV Council to assist with this.</p>	
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	7. Council Elections	<p>Nominations for Chair were called three (3) times. Dave Traczyk nominated Larry Strangfeld.</p> <p>Nominations for Vice Chair were called three (3) times. Mike Peterson nominated Rob McConnell as Vice Chair.</p>	<p>Motion by Joe Fitzgerald, second by Dave Traczyk to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Larry Strangfeld. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Joe Fitzgerald, second by Mike Peterson to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Rob McConnell. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	8. Trail Matters	<p>1. Labor and Equipment Rate Schedule – Summer Supplement</p> <p>Meeting adjourned for lunch Meeting reconvened at 12:35 PM</p> <p>2. Review and recommendations of project Requests Maintenance - \$1,389,389</p> <p>Bridge/Trail Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Motion by Rob, second by Dave to leave the equipment rates the same as last year. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Rob McConnell, second by Mike Peterson to approve all existing maintenance, to include insurance and acquisition. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Dave Traczyk to approve Washburn Co Amendment to ATV-1741 (page 2) for \$8,000 and Washburn County redecking on Trail 4 (page 5), for \$2,173 second by Joe Fitzgerald.</p>

		<p>Summer Trails:</p>	<p>Motion by Mike Peterson, second by Joe Fitzgerald, to approve the balance of Year Around trails as noted below and on the attached spreadsheet for a total \$993,047. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Eau Claire Co - \$2,534.00 Barron Co - \$36,224.00 Barron Co - \$106,617.00 Barron Co - \$113,988.00 Barron Co. - \$188,395.00 Florence Co - \$90,000.00 Florence Co. - \$115,335.0 Forest Co - \$319,954.00 Town of Ojibwa - \$20,000 (trail connection only)</p> <p>Sawyer County's Polish Rd and Canaday project was denied because no connection was evident and an excess of services in the area already.</p> <p>Motion by Dave Traczyk, second by Teresa Maday to deny the Summer use New Miles from Forest County \$4,365, because of lack of paperwork. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Dave Traczyk to deny Langlade County's \$900 request second by Mike Peterson because the trail doesn't go anywhere. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
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	9. Council Member Items		
	10. Adjournment	Routes criteria to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.	Motion by Mike Peterson, second by Joe Fitzgerald to adjourn at 5:30 PM. <u>Motion carried.</u>