

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**Monday, July 10, 2006**

Portage County Annex Conference Room, Stevens Point, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:30 Am Mike Cerny	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Mike Cerny, chair, Bev Dittmar, Karen Carlson, Andy Malecki, Jerry Green, Larry Erickson, Tom Chwala, Jon Schweitzer, Tom Thornton, Rick Steimel, Mike Willman, Donna White, Bob Lang, Sam Landes</p> <p>Others Present: Larry Freidig, Gary Eddy, Shelly Young, Diane Conklin, Gary Hanson, Lavane Hessler, Pat Sheahan, DNR; Morris Nelson, Bill Pfaff, AWSC; and other interested coordinators and snowmobilers.</p>	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting		Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Tom Thornton to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. <u>Motion Carried</u>
	3. Comments	<p>Mike Cerny reported on his attendance at the International Snowmobile Congress. He indicated he enjoyed the opportunity to attend and noted that most states have similar snowmobile issues. Mike also reported that he had worked with his state senator on the speed limit legislation, attended the White River trail dedication with Governor Doyle and Secretary Hassett and attended all recent committee meetings.</p> <p>Bev Dittmar reported that she attended the Eagle River bridge dedication</p>	

	4. Citizen Participation	None	
	5. Reports		
	State Trails Council	<p>Tom Thornton reported that the STC met on May 2 and discussed the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lines along state trails • Motorized recreation area concept • Progress on SCORP • Logging issues along state trails <p>Tom indicated that the STC passed a resolution to prohibit the installation of power lines parallel to state trails: he indicated the council had no objection to power lines crossing state trails. Tom also related the communication and cooperation in working with utilities in n in the citing of high voltage transmission lines within cities.</p>	
	Department	<p>Larry Freidig distributed a summary of the use of federal recreation trails funds on snowmobile related projects. Larry also summarized the projects undertaken by the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still working on a final draft of the study on the impacts of ATVs on groomed snowmobile trails. He indicated the consultant will be working on “best management practices” in the near future. • Undertaking the development of a training program for operators that accompanies the recently completed <i>Guidelines for Groomer Training Manual</i> • Creation of a snowmobile safety awareness handbook template tied to the Safe Rider Snowmobile Safety Awareness program (website and CD safety education program) • Development of a “Zero Tolerance/Don’t Drink 	

		and Ride “ safety education program including materials	
	<p>6. Reports of Standing Committees</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Andy Malecki reviewed the recent finance committee meeting noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the funding status for 2006-07 noting the committee recommend that Larry increase the unobligated gas funds to \$400,000 • Reviewed the gas tax calculation and the sources of funding for supplemental payments. Andy indicated that the committee discussed the likelihood of a small prorate similar to the previous year • Review of the preliminary department budget including the preliminary request for additional FTE and funds from tribal gaming as a result of a strategic implementation issue associated with motorized vehicles. <p>Andy indicated that it was the recommendation of the committee to the Council to <u>not</u> initiate a fee increase proposal regarding the non-resident trail pass.</p> <p>Andy then distributed a summary update on the Hubbleton bridge project to council members.</p> <p>Rick Steimel reported on the committee’s May 22nd meeting. The committee reviewed 2005-06 fatalities through 3 different summaries prepared by Rick and distributed to council members. Rick noted that in 2007 21 year-olds will fall under the requirement for</p>	

	<p style="text-align: center;">Infrastructure</p>	<p>certification. Rick indicated that the committee discussed the results of the accident reduction teams (1,800 contacts, 23% of these resulting in citations) and felt that the effort was successful.</p> <p>Rick discussed with council members that number of fatalities in Michigan and Minnesota and the tie-in of OWI with the driver's license. Rick noted that Wisconsin had 50% more fatalities with far fewer registrations than either state. There was a brief council discussion on the costs of implementation of the tie-in both of the adjacent states with the speculation that the very limited costs in Michigan and Minnesota would not be the same in Wisconsin because of the different agencies and data bases involved. This led to a brief discussion on the potential for a snowmobile endorsement on a driver's license. The consensus was that this concept needed additional research.</p> <p>Andy Malecki discussed the results of the 18 meeting regarding bridge design weights and width. Andy indicated that they utilized Sanjay Olson (DNR engineer) as a resource for their discussions. Andy reported that the committee was updated by Keith Warnke on the one year trail for a December gun deer hunt. He indicated that Keith was requesting a system of obtaining names of private landowners who had closed their property to snowmobiling as a result of the expanded hunt. Andy indicated that the committee was not receptive to any attempt at contacting affected private landowners by DNR staff. Andy indicated the committee also reviewed and made several small adjustments to the proposed 2006-07 labor and equipment schedule.</p>	
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	<p>7. Action on Recommendations Arising from Committee Reports</p>	<p>Larry Erickson expressed his concern about the lack of funds from the non-resident trail pass to support supplemental maintenance payments, particularly in light of increasing fuel costs. Larry further indicated that if the Council did not make a recommendation soon, that any change could be several years away.</p>	<p>A motion by Andy Malecki to recommend increasing the non-resident trial fee failed for lack of a second.</p> <p>Motion by Mike Willman, second by Karen Carlson to accept the finance committee recommendation of pursuing no increase to the non-resident trail</p>

			<p>pass fee.</p> <p>Roll call vote</p> <table data-bbox="1459 365 1984 609"> <tr><td>Carlson</td><td>Y</td><td>Schweitzer</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>Malecki</td><td>N</td><td>Thornton</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Green</td><td>Y</td><td>Steimel</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Erickson</td><td>N</td><td>Willman</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Chwala</td><td>N</td><td>White</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>Landes</td><td>N</td><td>Lang</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Dittmar</td><td>Y</td><td>Cerny</td><td>N</td></tr> </table> <p>The count of the vote which included a vote by the chair to break a tie that did not exist was inaccurate. In order to remedy the error, the roll was again called on the motion:</p> <table data-bbox="1459 836 1984 1079"> <tr><td>Carlson</td><td>Y</td><td>Schweitzer</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>Malecki</td><td>N</td><td>Thornton</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Green</td><td>N</td><td>Steimel</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Erickson</td><td>N</td><td>Willman</td><td>Y</td></tr> <tr><td>Chwala</td><td>N</td><td>White</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>Landes</td><td>N</td><td>Lang</td><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>Dittmar</td><td>Y</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Motion failed</p> <p>Motion by Donna White, second by Sam Landes to send the issue back to the finance committee. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Sam Landes to accept the two tabling</p>	Carlson	Y	Schweitzer	N	Malecki	N	Thornton	Y	Green	Y	Steimel	Y	Erickson	N	Willman	Y	Chwala	N	White	N	Landes	N	Lang	Y	Dittmar	Y	Cerny	N	Carlson	Y	Schweitzer	N	Malecki	N	Thornton	Y	Green	N	Steimel	Y	Erickson	N	Willman	Y	Chwala	N	White	N	Landes	N	Lang	N	Dittmar	Y		
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			<p>motions of the infrastructure committee. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>
	<p>8. 2007-09 Biennial Budget</p>	<p>Larry distributed and discussed preliminary budget requests stressing that the summary is a draft internal proposal. Larry indicated that the proposals still must pass internal muster and then be approved by the Natural Resources Board before they are forwarded to the Governor's office. Larry indicated that Council members have until August 1 to submit any comments to the Secretary regarding these proposals.</p> <p>The discussion turned from the biennial budget proposal to the issue of a snowmobile endorsement on a driver's license. There was some concern that there might be considerable cost for such an endorsement, i.e. the difficulty in creating an electronic record available to an enforcement official because of the lack of tie between snowmobile registration maintained by DNR and the license process maintained by motor vehicles (DOT). There was also the desire to look for an alternative to losing a driver's license for the intoxicated operation of a snowmobile</p>	<p>Motion by Mike Willman, second by Donna White to return the issue to the law enforcement committee for further study. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>
	<p>9. Council Elections</p>		<p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Sam Landes to nominate Mike Cerny for Council chair.</p> <p>After 3 calls for nominations, Tom Thornton moved, seconded by Bev Dittmar to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Cerny as chair. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>

			<p>Motion by Donna White, second by Tom Chwala to nominate Bev Dittmar for Council vice-chair.</p> <p>After 3 calls for nominations, Donna White moved, seconded by Tom Chwala to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bev Dittmar for vice chair. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>																				
<p>The Council adjourned for lunch at 12:05 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM</p>	<p>10. Trail Matters Equipment and Labor Rates</p> <p>Proposed County Snowmobile Program</p> <p>Review of Projects</p>	<p>Larry outlined the summary of revenues available and the requests received including requests for new trail miles.</p> <p>Bridge Rehab</p> <p>Trail Rehab</p> <p>There was discussion on the Oconto County request for rehab regarding grading and seeding as an alternative to repairing ruts and filling.</p>	<p>Motion by Mike Willman, second by Andy Malecki to accept the Equipment and Labor Rates for 2006-2007 as recommended by the infrastructure committee. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Sam Landes to recommend approval of bridge rehab projects totaling \$680,707. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Larry Erickson that Oconto County pursue the seeding and installation of gates at a cost of \$12,000.</p> <p>Roll call vote</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Carlson</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Schweitzer</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Malecki</td> <td>N</td> <td>Thornton</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Green</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Steimel</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erickson</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Willman</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td> <td>Y</td> <td>White</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> </table>	Carlson	Y	Schweitzer	Y	Malecki	N	Thornton	Y	Green	Y	Steimel	Y	Erickson	Y	Willman	N	Chwala	Y	White	Y
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		Mandatory Relocation	<p>Landes Y Lang Y Dittmar Y</p> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Bev Dittmar that the Pierce County request totaling \$34,188 be denied. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Bob Lang to recommend approval of the balance of trail rehab projects totaling \$60,901. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to deny the Outagamie mandatory relocation request and recommend approval of the Outagamie County New London-Seymour development project (24 miles) totaling \$35,000. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to reduce Taylor County's mandatory relocation request by \$500 (signing). <u>Motion failed</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Tom Thornton to recommend approval of the balance of mandatory relocation projects totaling \$232,262. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>
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	11. Member Items	None	
	12. Adjournment		Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Donna White to adjourn at 3:10 PM. <u>Motion Carried</u>