

**SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD****Monday, Jul 11 , 2005**

Portage County Annex Conference Room, Stevens Point, WI

<b>Presenter/ Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points</b>	<b>Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments</b>
Mike Cerny 8:30 AM	<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Mike Cerny, acting chair, Rick Steimel, Jerry Green, Jon Schweitzer, Bev Dittmar, Donna White, Mike Willman, Andy Malecki, Tom Chwala, Sam Landes, Larry Erickson, Nick Berens, Tom Thornton, Karen Carlson</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Larry Freidig, Bill Engfer, Pat Zatoap, Chris Halbur, Lavane Hessler, DNR; Morris nelson, AWSC,; and other interested snowmobile coordinators and snowmobilers</p>	
	<b>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		Motion by Donna White, second by Bev Dittmar to accept minutes of previous meeting. <u>Motion Carried</u>
	<b>3. Comments</b>	Mike Cerny discussed his attendance at recent council committee meetings, the Department and the AWSC.	
	<b>4. Citizen Participation</b>	<p>Morris Nelson from AWSC gave a presentation on what the AWSC directors discussed at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Morris noted that the Conservation Congress and the Department are pushing for a December hunt North of Hwy 8. AWSC will fight this. Morris noted that the Department and the Congress had previously stated that they would not pursue a December hunt North of STH 8.</p> <p>Morris gave a brief update on the Two Tier registration noting that the Association was still working on the fee</p>	

		<p>structure of their proposal.</p> <p>Morris noted that on the options the department outlined for accident reduction has been approved by the Association directors with the exception of the OWI tie in with the driver's license and the check point stop issue. He indicated they are supportive of a 55 mph night time speed limit and the other LE options.</p> <p>He indicated that the directors approved the specialty enforcement team concept and desired to recognize the AWSC/DNR partnership on the logos on the snowmobile trailers. He suggested that the Council may want to put their name on it also.</p> <p>He reported that Representative Pettis is initiating a bill to set the maximum snowmobile sound level at 88 dBA and eliminate consideration of a two year sunset on the limit.</p> <p>Bev wanted to know when the AWSC would start their effort to oppose the deer hunt Dec season. Morris stated ASAP</p>	
	<p><b>5.Reports</b></p> <p>State Trails</p> <p>Department</p>	<p>Tom Thornton indicated that the State Trails Council was meeting in Milwaukee at the same time as the Snowmobile Council.</p> <p>Larry Freidig reported that the budget has now gone to the Governor. He indicated that there were no further changes to the budget after the Joint Finance version. Larry indicated that the increase of the supplemental threshold from \$130/mile to \$150/ mile is still in, along with the supplemental deadline dates and</p>	

		<p>the \$20,000 per year for supplemental reviews. He did convey to the council that if the budget were delayed for some reason and make the \$20,000 available too late in the year, that supplemental processing would fall under single audit coverage (worst case scenario).</p> <p>Larry briefly highlight the results of the recent federal recreation ranking meeting, noting that the motorized category had more projects that funds available. He briefly described the top projects in the motorized category (Forest County) and diversified category (Calumet County) that both had snowmobile involvement.</p> <p>Larry also noted several publications coming from the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA) including a new groomer operator guide. He distributed the table of contents and noted that the final of the publication should appear in July. He also highlighted a successful Montana experience regarding the filtration of hydraulic oils on groomers. Lastly he noted that the IASA will be undertaking a survey on the impact of ATV use on groomed snowmobile trails and that he had volunteered Wisconsin as a site for the field testing.</p> <p>Bill Engfer reported that the recruitment for the Snow and ATV Administrator closes this Friday. He expects to interview and make an offer within 3 weeks. Bill indicated that Dona White will serve on the interview panel.</p> <p>Bill handed out snow hours worked by Department LE as of 6-11-05. The information showed that LE had worked</p>	
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		<p>668 hours over the allotted time. This time will be paid for by the GPR accounts and is free to the snowmobiles. Bev Dittmar requested the distribution of law enforcement hours categorized by filed versus other.</p> <p>Bill then distributed the list of possible efforts that could be undertaken to reduce accidents. This list had previously been presented to the Council's law enforcement committee. This sheet was also given to the AWSC county directors</p> <p>Bill also distributed the information that was handed out at the LE committee</p>	
	<p><b>6. Reports of standing committees</b></p> <p>Finance</p>	<p>Bev Dittmar reported that Larry gave an introduction to the activities of the committee and to some of the terminology that they would be exposed to. She indicated that the committee had discussed the difference between the statutory listed infrastructure categories and the categories under the general category of "new" projects. Bev also reported that the committee reviewed the preliminary supplemental projections and it appears no prorated will be necessary. She noted that the committee had discussed the requests regarding the development of abandoned railroad grades for snowmobiling and the Mole Lake and Eagle River bridge projects.</p> <p>After a vigorous discussion, Bev indicated that the consensus of the committee was to support the specialty law enforcement teams but that they desired more information on the concept.</p>	

	<p>Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Rick distributed and briefly discusses his summary of the snowmobile fatality/incident reports for 2004-05. Tom Thornton indicated that in his recent meeting with the Governor, Governor Doyle wants to see action on the issues of snowmobile and alcohol use and snowmobile noise.</p> <p>Rick reported on five recommendations passed by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50 MPH nighttime speed limit</li> <li>• Remove the prohibition on check points. Rick explained that there has been considerable changes to the laws that governed events.</li> <li>• Support the specialty teams for LE. This would address the visibility concern</li> <li>• Support recommendations for cultural change, billboards, and PSAs. Rick highlighted the poster recently release by ACSA regarding alcohol use with motorized vehicles.</li> <li>• Endorse the Trail Ambassador program similar to ATV Ambassador program</li> </ul> <p>Rick indicated that the OUI tie with the driver's license is not forgotten, but it needs more time and effort.</p>	
	<p>Infrastructure</p>	<p>Mike Cerny reported that the committee had reviewed the rates in brief and made small adjustments. He noted that the committee had mistakenly omitted to include the rates for 4 wheel drive tractors in the tired tractor rates. He indicated the committee had discussed and rated a new product, the Nortec snow process similar to the Harley trail surfacer. The committee also recommended a \$5/hour increase for any grooming unit that</p>	

		<p>incorporated a vibrator/compactor. Mike reported that the committee looked at changing the hourly charge for truck usage to a per mile rate, but decided to stay with the hourly rate. He indicated the committee recommended adding a separate category for tractors with tracks.</p> <p>Also looked at the charge for truck usage and whether to change it to mileage, but decided to stay with the hourly rate. Added a category for the tracked vehicles</p>	<p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Tom Thornton to accept committee reports. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>																																
	<p><b>7. Action on committee recommendations</b> Law Enforcement</p>	<p>Night time speed limit There was some discussion on the definition of dusk to dawn and how it would be interpreted throughout the state in a simple format. Bill Engfer indicated he would be working on a statewide average. Sam Landes pointed out the 5 mph difference between the law enforcement committee recommendation and that of the Association, and urged the members not to get hung up o the detail differences. He highlighted the accomplishment of the Association to support a nighttime speed limit after the unpopularity of the Department's emergency rule several years ago. There was also discussion on the practical limits of officer discretion on making speed limit citations. There was also a limited discussion on the application of speed limits to railroad grades and lakes.</p>	<p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Rick Steimel to recommend adoption of a 50 mph</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <table data-bbox="1459 876 1932 1079"> <tr> <td>Carlson</td><td>N</td> <td>Malecki</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thornton</td><td>Y</td> <td>Willman</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berens</td><td>N</td> <td>White</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erickson</td><td>N</td> <td>Dittmar</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landes</td><td>N</td> <td>Schweitzer</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td><td>N</td> <td>Green</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steimel</td><td>Y</td> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Motion Failed</p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Sam Landes to recommend adoption of a 55 mph .</p> <p>Roll Call Vote</p> <table data-bbox="1459 1347 1932 1380"> <tr> <td>Carlson</td><td>Y</td> <td>Malecki</td><td>Y</td> </tr> </table>	Carlson	N	Malecki	N	Thornton	Y	Willman	Y	Berens	N	White	N	Erickson	N	Dittmar	N	Landes	N	Schweitzer	Y	Chwala	N	Green	N	Steimel	Y			Carlson	Y	Malecki	Y
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		<p>Removal of prohibition checkpoints  Bill Engfer described how the checkpoint process had changes since the days of the prohibition, noting that federal court cases had modified the concept over time. He indicated that enforcement officials have to identify a probable cause to pull someone over, not just hold everybody over in a line. Bill indicated that where the Department uses checkpoint stops (boating, ATVs), the Department gives advance publicity o their presence, requests permission from the county district attorney and notifies all affected legislators.</p> <p>Mike Cerny indicated he felt that it was time for Council leadership on this issue.</p> <p>Sam Landes felt that the there was a need for the involvement of the hospitality industry. He urged a “go-slow” approach and indicated that there was a need for more time to discuss the issue with affected parties.</p> <p>Specialty Enforcement Team</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thornton</td><td>N</td> <td>Willman</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berens</td><td>Y</td> <td>White</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erickson</td><td>Y</td> <td>Dittmar</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landes</td><td>Y</td> <td>Schweitzer</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td><td>Y</td> <td>Green</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steimel</td><td>N</td> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Mike Willman, second by Tom Thornton to approve committee’s recommendation on checkpoint stops, i.e., removal of the prohibition against checkpoint stops  Roll Call Vote:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Carlson</td><td>Y</td> <td>Malecki</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thornton</td><td>Y</td> <td>Willman</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berens</td><td>Y</td> <td>White</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erickson</td><td>N</td> <td>Dittmar</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landes</td><td>N</td> <td>Schweitzer</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td><td>Y</td> <td>Green</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steimel</td><td>Y</td> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Sam Landes to support the concept of the specialty enforcement teams along with</p>	Thornton	N	Willman	N	Berens	Y	White	Y	Erickson	Y	Dittmar	Y	Landes	Y	Schweitzer	N	Chwala	Y	Green	Y	Steimel	N			Carlson	Y	Malecki	Y	Thornton	Y	Willman	Y	Berens	Y	White	N	Erickson	N	Dittmar	Y	Landes	N	Schweitzer	Y	Chwala	Y	Green	Y	Steimel	Y		
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Infrastructure</p>	<p>Bill Engfer briefly described that \$42,000 of the \$94,710 need for the new proposal came from savings from vacancies and better than anticipated bids for snowmobiles. Bill requested direction from the council on both the specialty team enforcement concept and also a source of funds for the \$52,700 balance.</p> <p>Cultural change, PSAs, billboards There was a brief discussion on the need for positive promotion and cooperation with the tourism/hospitality community.</p> <p>Trail Ambassadors</p>	<p>the Council and AWSC partnership recognized on publicity for the effort. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Tom Thornton to direct the Department to pursue all reasonable funding sources to support the concept. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Mike Willman, second by Tom Thornton to approve committee's recommendation on cultural change, PSAs, billboards and to direct the Department to work with other entities to develop PSAs, billboards and funding sources. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Jon Schweitzer, second by Andy Malecki to approve the committee's recommendation on Trail Ambassadors. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Donna White, second by Larry Erickson to expand the non grooming tractor categorization to a mid level tractor, include 4-wheel drive tractors in the average of tired tractors and add a tracked tractor category. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Dona White, second by Tom Thornton to approve rates in brief that includes tractor changes and includes a</p>
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			<p>\$5 per hour add-on for compactor/vibrators attached to any grooming drag. <u>Motion Carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Donna White, second by Donna White to approve the classification of the Nortrac snow processor the same as a Harley trail surfacer. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>
	<p><b>8. Council elections</b></p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Vice-chair</p>	<p>Tom Thornton nominated Mike Cerny for the position of chair.</p> <p>After 3 calls for nomination, Tom Thornton moved, seconded by Andy Malecki to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Cerny. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Dona White nominated Bev Dittmar for the position of vice-chair.</p> <p>After 3 calls for nomination, Andy Malecki moved, seconded by Tom Chwala to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bev Dittmar. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>	
	<p><b>9. Trail Matters</b></p> <p>Proposed County Program</p>	<p>Larry Freidig distributed copies of the proposed county program noting no unobligated funds are available this year. He indicated that there was \$5.751 million available through registration and gas tax funds after existing maintenance was subtracted, a balance of \$1.1 million existed to cover a total of \$2.6 million of</p>	

	<p>Project review</p>	<p>infrastructure and new project requests. Larry also brought to the attention of the Council an emergency bridge rehabilitation request from Jackson County due to a recently failed bridge structure..</p> <p>Bridge rehabilitation</p> <p>During the review of projects, the following issues were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16,000 pound design limit for an Iron County bridge. Charlie Zinsmaster explained that the major supporting beams for the project were salvaged from a forestry bridge</li> <li>• Withdrawal of the Tri County Corridor Commission Bluff Creek bridge rehab</li> </ul> <p>Trail rehab</p> <p>Larry Erickson reviewed for Council members the existing rule for trail rehab projects noting that the limit was \$500 per mile unless approved by the Council. Larry Freidig expressed his concern that uniformly denying all requests in the category would not be a wise direction for the Council.</p> <p>Additional issues noted in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on the appropriate division of costs between ATV and snowmobile projects based on activities proposed and the need to get away from the standard 50/50 split</li> <li>• The rule that limits a county's total trail rehab</li> </ul>	<p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Tom Thornton to add the Jackson County emergency bridge request to the requests for bridge rehabilitation. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Tom Thornton to recommend funding of the bridge rehabilitation requests totaling \$553,699 as modified. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to deny funding on all trail rehab projects. Motion failed</p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Bev Dittmar to recommend the Pierce County trail rehab request (\$30,188) at a reduced amount of \$1,500. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>
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		<p>requests to 10% of their total funded mileage as it applied to Bayfield County</p>	<p>Motion by Donna White, second by Tom Chwala to deny the Barron County trail requests (\$82026). <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Jerry Green to recommend the Bayfield County Trail #1 request (\$14,100).</p> <p>After some discussion Tom Thornton called the question. <u>Carried</u></p> <p>Vote on the motion was <u>Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Jerry Green to deny the Bayfield County Trail #31-North and Trail #31-East rehab projects (\$9,160 and \$5,000) <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Donna White, second by Andy Malecki to recommend the Bayfield Trail #31-West rehab request (\$9,125). <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Dona White to recommend the Sawyer County trail rehab request (\$4,200) at a reduced amount of \$1,600. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>A motion by Jerry Green to deny the Oconto rehab request died for lack of a second.</p>
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			<p>Motion by Donna White, second by Tom Chwala to recommend the Oconto County trail rehab request (\$44,200) at a reduced amount of \$22,100.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote</p> <table data-bbox="1459 446 1942 673"> <tr> <td>Carlson</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Malecki</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thornton</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Willman</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berens</td> <td>N</td> <td>White</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erickson</td> <td>N</td> <td>Dittmar</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landes</td> <td>N</td> <td>Schweitzer</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Green</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steimel</td> <td>N</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Motion Carries</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to recommend the Marinette County trail rehab request (\$18,964) at a reduced amount of \$9,482. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Jerry Green to recommend the Vilas County trail rehab request (\$2,600). <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Tom Thornton, second by Mike Willman to recommend the Kewaunee County trail rehab request (\$3,510).</p> <p>Roll Call Vote</p> <table data-bbox="1459 1347 1942 1380"> <tr> <td>Carlson</td> <td>Y</td> <td>Malecki</td> <td>N</td> </tr> </table>	Carlson	Y	Malecki	Y	Thornton	Y	Willman	N	Berens	N	White	Y	Erickson	N	Dittmar	Y	Landes	N	Schweitzer	Y	Chwala	Y	Green	N	Steimel	N			Carlson	Y	Malecki	N
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		<p>Mandatory trail relocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council identified a desire to know why the easements are being lost in each of the mandatory relocation, i.e., noise, trespass etc.</li> </ul> <p>Other new development requests</p> <p>Andy Malecki described for Council members the need for a commitment of snowmobile funds for the bridge project in Marinette County (\$250,000) to enable DOT to undertake the design of the bridge to accommodate snowmobiling</p> <p>Dale Mayo discussed the need for the bridge at the intersection of state highways 17/70 immediately west of Eagle River (\$168,000). Marv Laspa, DOT, discussed with the Council the action of the Department of</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Thornton</td><td>Y</td> <td>Willman</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Berens</td><td>Y</td> <td>White</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erickson</td><td>Y</td> <td>Dittmar</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Landes</td><td>N</td> <td>Schweitzer</td><td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chwala</td><td>Y</td> <td>Green</td><td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steimel</td><td>N</td> <td></td><td></td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Andy Malecki, second by Bev Dittmar to deny the Sawyer County mandatory relocation request (\$23,060). <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Larry Erickson to recommend the Barron County mandatory relocation request (\$9,915) at a reduced amount of \$3,290. <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White to recommend the balance of the mandatory relocation projects as modified ((\$330,592). <u>Motion Carried</u></p> <p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Bev Dittmar to recommend the Manitowoc, Calumet and Fond du Lac counties rail grade new maintenance and development/new maintenance requests totaling \$76,250. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>	Thornton	Y	Willman	Y	Berens	Y	White	N	Erickson	Y	Dittmar	N	Landes	N	Schweitzer	N	Chwala	Y	Green	Y	Steimel	N		
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		<p>Transportation in shutting down this bridge crossing because of its design limitations for safe snowmobiling. He did indicate that the bridge could be used yet or the 2005-06 season but it would be closed to snowmobile use after that season</p> <p>Pat Zatopa described the Mole Lake project, noting it connects with the existing trail system and also would offer access to the Mole Lake casino (\$36,150).</p> <p>It was the consensus of the Council to reconvene by telephone in mid-September to consider any additional projects for recommendation pending the outcome of the supplemental requests for the 2004-05 season.</p>	<p>Motion by Bev Dittmar, second by Donna White recommending \$100,000 toward the Marinette County discretionary bridge rehabilitation project (\$250,000) and \$30,907 toward the Forest County Mole Lake development project (\$36,150). <u>Motion Carried</u></p>
	<p><b>11. Council Member Items</b></p>	<p>Andy Malecki raised the concern about the % distribution of the projects that came before the Council for review, particularly as it pertains to the division between the snowmobile and ATV programs.</p> <p>Several of the community services specialists present gave examples of how this was already being accomplished in their regions. Larry Freidig expressed the feeling that the counties would cooperate in assessing these difference in the future.</p>	
			<p>Motion by Larry Erickson, second by Tom Thornton to adjourn at 2:20 PM. <u>Motion Carried</u></p>

