November 1, 2016
Rib Mountain Municipal Building, Wausau, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
1. Call to Order at 10:30	Members Present: Rob McConnell, Chair; Dave Traczyk, Vice	
a.m.	Chair; Ernie Pulvermacher; Bryan Much; Jim Wisneski; Bobby	
	Donahue; Attending via telephone: Adam Harden	
	Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes; via	
	phone: Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Gary Eddy - DNR;	
2. Acceptance of	One correction needed, the date is August 22, 2016 and needs to be	Ernie moved to accept the minutes of the
Minutes of Previous	changed to August 23.	previous meeting, second by Dave.
Meeting		MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. Agenda Repair	Cathy asked to move the public comment section closer to the front	
	rather than at the end of the meeting.	
4. Chair Report	Rob announced that Bryan Much was awarded National Off-Highway	
ii Gilali Nopoli	Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) State Partner of the Year	
	2016 for USA and Canada.	
	Bryan also earned the American Motorcyclist Association's (AMA)	
	EAGLES certification. EAGLES: Education, Activism, Growth,	
	Leadership, Expertise, Skills.	
	Driven was also named the State Coordinates for the ANAA in	
	Bryan was also named the State Coordinator for the AMA in Wisconsin.	
5. DNR Reports	Gary noted that there currently 21 ATV/UTV fatalities this year. Last	
J. Diak Reports	year there were a total of 20. Our record year was 2014 with 27	
	fatalities.	
	• 13 of the 21 fatalities (62%) were verified as involving alcohol.	
	The majority occurred on public roads (15 or 71%) with only 3 on	
	private property and 3 on public trails.	
	Gary is hearing of more and more complaints related to lax OWI laws	
	related to ATV/UTVs on public roadways. There are 2 sets of laws	
	regulating motorized vehicles on public roadways, those related to licensed motor vehicles and those related to ATVs/UTVs. The	
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ATV/UTV laws specific to alcohol use are severely lax and people are realizing that. Specific complaints involve groups of people bar hopping on ATV routes; openly drinking alcohol. At least one complaint was filed with Dept. of Transportation and one with a local legislator. This is something that may garner some attention in the future.

Update on the wetland ID and delineation process. There will be a field visit next week in an effort to identify the flexibility in the guidance for recreation trails that can be followed/implemented statewide.

Storm damage in western Wisconsin. Ten counties received federal emergency declarations the week of October 17th. They were:

Adams Juneau
Chippewa La Crosse
Clark Monroe
Crawford Richland
Jackson Vernon

Estimates are still coming in, currently most of the damage is to snowmobile trails, there are only 2 counties that have reported damage to ATV trails. Several of the counties that didn't receive the federal declaration do have a great deal of the trail damage. As more firm estimates are received, Cathy will pass that information along. Likely a meeting in mid-late January will be work to award grants for this damage.

Taylor County had a winter-ATV trail application that was deferred by the Council. Snowmobile Rec. Council funded half. There were other projects that were winter only and did receive 50% funding. Something to consider when final funding decisions are made after storm damage is attended to.

Jillian will be doing a presentation on recreational trails for the Secretary's northern tour. She was asked for several big projects that could be toured. She offered several and the Oneida's Enterprise trail project was chosen. Kurt Thiede, Deputy Secretary will be visiting the site.

	She presented the project as follows: Oneida County Enterprise ATV Trail System – New Trail Construction Oneida County is planning to construct 6.8 miles of new off-road ATV trail near the town of Enterprise in western Oneida County. This new ATV trail would expand the existing Enterprise ATV Trail System, which currently has 10 miles of off-road trail, AND connects to ATV trails in Langlade (Parrish-Highlander ATV Trail) and Lincoln for significant network of off-road ATV trails (Approx 150 miles in all). Oneida has tentatively been awarded grant funds totaling \$415,405 in a combination of ATV grant funds and Recreational Trail Aids grant funds. Other recent grants in this area include ~\$204,000 to Lincoln County in 2014 for development of their connector to Oneida, and ~\$44,000 to Oneida to re-surface the existing Enterprise trail system last year (work still in progress)	
6. Public Comment	Dale Mayo, Vilas County, spoke of their Conover campground that was approved at \$160K under with information that a Motorized Stewardship grant of \$160K would be offered. The MS grant ended up being \$117K and he was asking that the Council consider funding the shortfall of \$42,664. Total cost for this project is expected to be \$644,297. If Vilas County receives this additional funding they'll have \$320K in grants and are planning to pay the rest \$324,297 from county funds.	Bryan moved to recommend approving this amount to complete the project, second by Ernie. MOTION PASSED. Note: This motion will formally be made at the next Council meeting when application amendment and funding decisions are properly noticed on the agenda.
7. Storm Damage	Discussion regarding possible action taken today.	Bryan moved to approve funding for the 3 counties with final FEMA amounts, second by Jim. Burnett County: \$1,399 Sawyer County: \$4,225 Washburn County: \$16,193 MOTION PASSED. Bryan moved to approve funding up to the amount of \$137,750 for the Bad River tribe when the final FEMA amount is known, second by Ernie. MOTION PASSED NOTE: If the amount goes higher, the Council will need to consider this again.

8. Winter Trail Issues: Maintenance & Cost-share

Winter Maintenance: \$2,000,000 in total maintenance is paid annually. \$400,000 or 20% of that is for winter maintenance. Some winter trails only open when the snowmobile trails open, so are getting money when they're not even open.

Counties do return maintenance money when it's not all used. Trails have to be prepared with signing, brushing, etc. in anticipation of trails opening and those signs need to come down at the end of the season.

Discussion regarding how payments get made. 50% advance if they ask for it. In order to get the rest of the money, they have to submit a payment request with a payment worksheet that lists categories of payments. Payments to the clubs, force account, invoices, etc.

Background was gone over; the perception that ATVs get to use winter trails without paying. Some trails only allow ATVs when the ground is frozen and snowmobile trails aren't open.

Different winter ATV trail use makes it difficult to set any parameters.

Talking about anecdotal information is not good enough to make decisions. The Council would need data that was gathered scientifically in order to make a change to the program. The question was asked if the Council has any ability to pay for research.

Cathy will do some research to see if there is any way the ORVC can pay for a study out of ATV funds.

Cost-Share for winter-only ATV trails – Discussion regarding the fact that the Snowmobile Rec. Council makes heir awards first and then the ORV Council is only able to react to that.

The idea that came up at the last meeting of having the ORV Council indicate their intention on cost-share percentage at the application screening meeting in June was discussed.

It was decided to make that a part of the meeting and was noticed that those meetings will need to properly noticed and the agenda indicate that cost-share percentages would be decided. No action taken regarding winter maintenance until more data can be gathered on the topic.

Bryan moved to amend the application preview meeting to allow for an assessment of shared projects (w/snowmobile funding) to propose shared cost percentages with the understanding that no projects will be approved until the actual funding meeting. Second by Jim. MOTION PASSED

9. Committee Reports	Committee on feasibility of using more video with applications.	Bryan reported that he and Adam had concluded that ability to record video is readily available, so there is no action that needs to be taken by the Council. It is possible to send the Trail Patrol Ambassadors to project sites to take videos if needed.
9. Deadhorse Trail	A letter was received from Michael Martin, USFS District Ranger regarding the work done and previous grants for the Deadhorse trail. The project was discussed.	Action to be taken, Ed will follow-up with USFS on the following issues: 1. Provide a map showing where the incomplete sections of the trails are. 2. Can the USFS standard for boardwalk design be changed to something less expensive to build? 3. What proposal has been made to the Town of Draper regarding forest road 162? Is it possible to find a compromise here that will work as an alternative to the trail going through the wetland? Answers will be sought and this will be an item on the January agenda.
9. Council Member Items	None.	
10. Next Meeting Date/Location	Tentative date: January 24, 2016 AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING Always include Amendments/Funding Decisions on Applications (standing item) Deadhorse Trail Application pre-view meeting agenda will indicate that cost-share percentage preferences will be indicated.	
11. Adjournment		Ernie moved to adjourn, second by Bobby. MOTION PASSED