

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
<p>1. Call to Order at 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Chair; Bryan Much, Vice Chair; Ernie Pulvermacher; Dave Traczyk; Jim Wisneski; Bobby Donahue; Adam Harden</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes; Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Gary Eddy - DNR; others</p>	
<p>2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>		<p>Bryan Much moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, second by Adam Harden. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
<p>3. Agenda Repair</p>	<p>Snowmobile Council Members are present to discuss action taken at their last Council meeting, which will be done under trail matters.</p>	
<p>4. Elections</p>	<p>Bryan moved to nominate Rob McConnell as Chair of the Council. Second by Ernie Pulvermacher. Called for nominations 3 times. Ernie Pulvermacher moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Rob McConnell as Chair, second by Jim Wisneski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Ernie Pulvermacher moved to nominate Bryan Much as Vice Chair of the Council. Second by Jim Wisneski. Called for nominations 3 times. Ernie Pulvermacher moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Bryan Much as Vice Chair, second by Jim Wisneski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Bryan Much moved to nominate Ernie Pulvermacher as Secretary of the Council. Second by Adam Harden. Called for nominations 3 times. Bryan Much moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Ernie Pulvermacher as Secretary, second by Jim Wisneski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>	
<p>5. Chair Report</p>	<p>Recreational Opportunity Analysis various stakeholders have been asked to participate. They're looking at all 9 regions (SCORP) and rather than look at one specific property they're looking at recreational opportunities as a whole. Looking at conflict and success, etc. DNR will be using this to help create future master plans. 130 user groups noted, not all are participating.</p>	

	<p>Will be used to help write future individual master plans for DNR properties. Two meeting so far, there will be 3rd in one week.</p>
<p>6. DNR Reports</p>	<p>Grant Status update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 127 grants approved for funding in the amount of \$4,432,000 • 116 have been awarded • 4 of those were approved prior to FY16 • 9 amendment applications have been awarded • 3 storm damage applications have been awarded <p>The Deadhorse trail was funded over several years, it was a project to reroute that trail out of a wetland. They were going to build boardwalks and received a grant to do so. Then they decided they weren't going to build boardwalks. They applied for a permit to put fill in the wetland. DNR dismissed those applications. We're trying to set up a meeting with a couple council members, the USFS, the town and water reg folks. The town is involved because they initially said no to creating routes to get around these wetland areas.</p> <p>Bad River Northern Lights trail - \$450,000 grant. They were in the planning process, RR Grade was in good shape. Ed has called them 3 times and sent 4 emails. He hasn't heard back from them. They have been approved for 2 grants: ATV3517 in the amount of \$451,404 and for ATV3527 in the amount of \$216,000. As part of the first grant, they received an advance of \$377,000.</p> <p>Cathy will work another angle to try to find out if they actually received FEMA or not. Reminded Council they set aside \$216K for Phase II of the grant at the August 2016 funding meeting.</p> <p>Wetland Guidance, Ed explained the history of this. Ed arranged to for a field visit with water reg, storm water and the county to make this happen. When it's available for public comment, we will let the Council know.</p> <p>There has been a new guidance produced specifically for trails. This guidance deals specifically with rec. trails and doesn't treat them the same as urban areas and/or feed lots. This will be helpful. It shouldn't require delineations on existing trails, only on new trails.</p> <p>NOTE: 21 day public comment period goes until March 31, 2017, http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/Guidance.html</p> <p>Cathy gave an update on the SNARS program that is being implemented for snowmobiler grants. It is an online grant reimbursement request system. It eliminates many errors in reporting include math and rate errors, it eliminates paper and it makes all grant expenses transparent. It would be efficient for the ATV program to use a program such as this.</p> <p>Gary Eddy: 2016 -22 fatalities</p>

	<p>14/22 on road – 64% 15/22 alcohol – 68% 4/22 were UTVs ONLY 4 victims were wearing helmets.</p> <p>Dept. concern with road deaths, alcohol use and lack of helmet use. Cont. to focus on education and enforcement in these areas.</p> <p>WCC – Ad hoc Motorized Rec. Use Committee resolutions. Stated they would wanted to register golf carts and increased the weight and width of UTVs.</p> <p>REES review – more field work. Less work with safety instructors. Possibly more enforcement and education efforts.</p> <p>DNR Reorg – loss of ranger positions approx.. 78 FT and 178 PT credentialed officers. Add 33 new conservation warden positions to handle these enforcement responsibilities. Summer of 2017 and 2018, joint warden/ranger patrols. 2019 wardens take over full enforcement responsibilities.</p>	
<p>7. Public Comment</p>	<p>June pre-meeting the applications will be looked at. CSSs will take questions back to the counties. The pre-meeting is to help applicants be as prepared as they need to be, so the Council has the information they need when they make the funding recommendations in August.</p> <p>Tara asked on behalf of the WCFA that if someone is doing a site visit for an application that they contact the county foresters to have someone accompany them to explain the project.</p> <p>Council members raised some concern about whether meeting individually with a grant applicant regarding a grant request outside the public eye would be proper. Council members will continue to make observations and share relevant information from their experiences on the trails. Any information developed relating to a grant request can be explored during a public meeting while all parties are present to represent the matter.</p> <p>WATVA: Annual meeting is April 29, 2017 at Stoney Creek. Their proposed legislation was supposed to go out for co-sponsors last week. He will keep the Council informed.</p>	
<p>8. Storm Damage</p>	<p>Eau Claire County– Hamilton Falls ATV trail. Asked for \$12,657 from SRC which they got. Asking \$7,657 dollars from ORV Council. Eau Claire County did not qualify for FEMA because of the overall damage total.</p> <p>Clark County is the only county with a request to FEMA to cover an ATV trail. There original estimate of the damage related to ATV was \$30,000.</p>	<p>Ernie Pulvermacher moved to approve \$7,657 to Eau Claire County, second by Bobby Donahue. Motion Carried</p> <p>Ernie Pulvermacher moved to approve awarding \$30,000 to Clark once final FEMA amount is known, second by Adam Harden.</p>

		<p>Motion failed.</p> <p>Dave Traczyk moved to approve up to 12.5% of the original estimate of \$30,000, second by Bryan Much.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>
<p>9. Council Participation in DNR Recreational Analysis project</p>	<p>Rob had discussed this during the trail comments but told the members here that he had a contact list they could be added to, they should let him know.</p>	
<p>10. Trail Grant Issues</p>	<p>Snowmobile Recreation Council members spoke of action taken at their last meeting.</p> <p>Gary Hilgendorf discussed the different loads that bridge companies/engineers speak of and how everything is not the same.</p> <p>Council members met with 2 bridge companies in December, Wheeler and Custom. They recommended going to a vehicle H-load which is a 4 point load like a tractor or car. When you go into the tracked mode, it makes the weight less.</p> <p>The straight H Load is the rated amount all the time. There is no infrequent load or train load. The proposal is for new bridges, not replacing bridges.</p> <p>Custom and Wheeler both stated their superstructure already accommodated the 25K weight load, it was just the decking that would need to change. The cost is minimal to upgrade the decking.</p> <p>Bryan – Bigger concern is the old bridges that are having larger equipment run over it. Upping to 25K doesn't change the load capacity of all the existing bridges.</p> <p>Larger discussion regarding the entire problem of undersized bridges and oversized equipment.</p>	

Discussion regarding researching all the issues. Old bridges, winter trail use, etc.

Rob's point: if we are going to raise the bridge load, we need to also enforce that we won't pay for equipment that weighs more than we fund.

Other issues to be discussed by an ad hoc committee:

- Price for new bridges
- Winter use
- What can we do to protect existing bridges
- Who's liable
- Tracked ATV
- The need for heavier equipment and/or grooming equipment
- Winter use trail pass for ATVs

Bryan, Adam, Rob & Bobby will be on the ad hoc committee to look at all the issues.

Ernie:

Weight rating of the 25K. Will the USFS accept that? Answer is yes.

Dave – no brainer to make the recommendation for new bridges. OK to consider upping to 25K for bridge rehabs on a case-by-case basis.

3rd step: to look at other bridges to bring them up to code, but that's a 3rd step.

At the November meeting Vilas County asked for an amendment request to cover the remainder needed for the Conover campground. This amount is needed because the County didn't receive as large of a Motorized Stewardship grant as was expected. At that time the Council indicated they would approve this request at their next meeting.

Bryan Much moved, second by Adam Harden to approve the \$42,664 project for Vilas County (ATV3530) as presented at the November 1, 2016 meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

	<p>Eric Rady, Oneida County spoke of the \$416,000 Enterprise Trail grant. Summer of 2015 the DNR Water reg. specialist went out and looked at the trail footprint. There were 4 major water projects going on there that were part of the grant.</p> <p>When they went back out in September 2016, the stormwater specialist said there was a new waterway they had to cross and it needed a bridge.</p> <p>Jim represented the ORV Council at the Secretary's Northern tour. They visited the Enterprise ATV trail in Oneida County. He wrote a written report. Other Council members liked the report.</p>	<p>Bryan Much moved to fund an amendment to the grant at \$99,750 for the additional bridge needed for the Enterprise trail (ATV3525), second by Adam Harden.</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>11. Council Member Items</p>	<p>Bobby: Is very clear that ORV & SRC need to stay in close communication. Share a lot of trails and share a lot of users. Communication needs to be very good.</p> <p>Jim: Still concerned about winter use funding, would like it on the next agenda.</p> <p>Ernie: Nothing.</p> <p>Dave: Nothing. Thanks SRC reps for showing up. Thanked the Foresters for the standing invite to go look at trails. We all need to work together, foresters, snowmobilers. We all have to work together.</p>	
<p>12. Housekeeping, Next Meeting</p>	<p>June 13, Pre-application meeting at Schmeekle. August 22, Funding meeting in Wausau area Lanes.</p>	
<p>13. Adjournment</p>		<p>Ernie Pulvermacher moved to adjourn, second by Bobby Donahue. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY</p>