

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORYCOUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

March 1, 2016

Schmeeckle Reserve, Stevens Point, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Chair; Adam Harden; Ernie Pulvermacher; Bryan Much; Jim Wisneski; Mike Peterson, Advisor</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, Jim Ritchie, Ann Loechler, DNR; members of the public</p>	
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Section 5 of the previous minutes, omit some incorrect language, present the minutes at the next meeting for approval.	Edits are needed to the October 28 meeting minutes. NOTE: These have been revised are posted on the Council’s web page.
	3. Chair Report, Rob McConnell	<p>Jackson County Chronicle article with the economic impacts of ATVing locally. Article may be found here: http://lacrossetribune.com/jacksoncochronicle/news/local/at-vs-bring-over-million-into-county/article_739154fb-492a-548c-ac36-1e42e837f9b6.html</p> <p>We’ve deviated from the proper running of these meetings and to meet the statutory requirements of this Governor’s Council we need to follow the rules of the Council which are detailed in the by-laws and run meetings with Roberts Rules of Order.</p> <p>Agenda Repair: Add elections under number #8</p>	By-laws are posted on the Council’s web page .
	4. Department Reports	<p>Grant & Program Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence: FYI – Lots of calls regarding why winter ATV riders aren’t required to display a trail pass snowmobile trails. The answer is because the law doesn’t require it. • Grant Update: 48 UTV grants awarded – 36 written 	

		<p>178 ATV grants awarded – 134 written</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a concern that old awards were languishing. Only 3 from previous fiscal years. • Another concern of awarded grants not being completed. This also turned out to be a non-issue. • SCORP - Doug Johnson from the State Trails Council is representing that Council on the SCORP development committee. As such, he will also be representing ORV concerns. • Gary Eddy is reviewing a new ATV/Snow sign catalog from BSI based on our Signing Handbook. Once that is correct, a link will be added to the ATV grants page. • Propose standardizing the updates of maintenance grants (sponsor’s mileage amount) for development projects that include new miles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It will provide consistency on amending Sponsor’s miles. ○ When a Sponsor completes a development project, those miles should not need maintenance until the next year. ○ This does not apply to awards for new miles, those amendments will take place right away. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Permit process – Because of an issue the grants people & water regulations people got together to write an article. • Trail Building Training scheduled for June 15-18. ORV Council members are encouraged to attend. • How soon before the Application Review meeting do ORV Council members want to receive the applications for review? <p>LE issues: Gary sent a report of items he is currently working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing BSI Trail Sign catalog • Reviewing a new version of the student safety manual from our current vendor. The new manual includes info. 	<p>Motion and second to fund maintenance dollars for new miles on development grants beginning the next grant cycle upon completion. . MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Wetland Permit Article is posted with these minutes.</p> <p>Small ATV law summary is posted with these minutes.</p>
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	<p>5. Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint meeting with Snowmobile Recreation Council Bryan talked about the bridge issues, turns out it's not an ATV issue, it's a Snowmobile issue because the USFS is building their bridges to accommodate the traffic. Snowmobilers realize it's their issue. -Cost share will start at 50/50 and be adjusted for specific program priorities. • Advisor to Council – A proposed guidance was passed out and is posted with the minutes. The By-Laws clearly allow for consulting with experts when needed. When an advisor is needed for a particular situation the Council may call upon an individual or organization to provide one depending on the situation. The conflict of interest has been addressed by an attorney in the past and WCFA members have been member of the previous DNR appointed ORV Council. • Application Improvement Initiative Bryan, Jim, Ed were on the committee to develop recommendations to improve grant applications. 	<p>Motion by Ernest Pulvermacher to eliminate the position of WCFA advisor. Second by Jim Wisneski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>The Council emphasizes that they are addressing a fundamental flaw in the concept of having an advisor position in this situation. This action does not relate to Mike Peterson, who occupied the position, as an individual.</p> <p>Motion and second to adopt this guidance as a supplement to the existing application and funding priority guidance.</p>

		<p>Their recommendation is posted with the minutes. The intent is to assist applicants in submitting a well-developed submission on which the council can act, and to assist the council in ensuring that available funds are properly allocated to meet the needs of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Sponsor self-assessment (attached to minutes). Self-assessment is by nature subjective. If sponsors follow the guidance for submitting a complete and comprehensive application self-assessment will not be necessary. The Council will be able to make better decisions because they'll have all the information. Community Service Specialist Concerns: The applications to be precise and succinct. A novel is hard to pull the pertinent facts from.</p> <p>Council Member Roles and Responsibilities relating to trail observations and conditions. This is a revisit of the discussion from the October 2015 regarding the issue of visiting project locations. Guidance on this issue is attached to the minutes.</p> <p>Council Membership Applications It is proposed to adopt a process similar to the State Trails Council, for the appointment of members to the Council.</p> <p>In 2009 the STC studied the issue and in cooperation with the Governor's Office came up with a system where the Council reviews the applications and forwards them to the Governor's office with information. The Council may make</p> 	<p>MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Motion and second to end the self-assessment ad hoc committee and close the project. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Motion and second to adopt the site visit guidelines as a practice of the Council. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Motion and second to adopt the recommendation regarding council appointments. The application procedure needs to be put into final form. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>
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	<p>6. Council Member Matters</p>	<p>Ernie received a call regarding the plate and stickers. The caller was suggesting instead of having the license and 2 stickers. The department would go to 1 larger sticker for the license plate. He felt I was about the same as the 2 stickers or a hunter’s back tag, so there wouldn't be any additional cost.</p>	
	<p>6. Citizen Participation</p>	<p><u>WATVA</u> – Getting ready for annual meeting which has been scaled back due to loss of funding. Will be meeting with Rep. Czaja and a policy advisor to the Governor to discuss the grant.</p> <p><u>PUBLIC</u> – None</p> <p><u>Off-Highway Motorcycles</u> Bryan talked about the OHM bill that the Governor signed</p>	

		<p>into law on 2/29/2016. It's similar to the ATV program, has a separate funding source and Council. The funding may be used for ATV trails if OHMs are allowed. Priority is for single-track trail. The law will take effect this fall and there is much work to be done before then. Bryan recently became the head of the WI Off-Highway Motorcycle Assn.</p>	
	<p>8. Next Meeting & Other Council Matters</p> <p>Agenda Repair added Council Elections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future meeting schedule. Three standard meetings will be set in advance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first meeting of the year will be the first Tuesday in March. ○ The application review meeting will be a minimum of 30 days prior to the funding meeting with a goal of having in early in June. <p>The funding meeting will always be the day after the Snowmobile funding meeting in August. This date is assigned one year in advance.</p>	<p>Bryan Much moved to nominate Rob McConnell as Chair of the Council. Second by Jim Wisneski. Nominations were called for three times. Ernie Pulvermacher moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. Second by Jim Wisneski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p> <p>Rob McConnell moved to nominate Bryan Much as Vice-Chair of the Council. Second by Ernie Pulvermacher. Nominations were called for three times. Ernie Pulvermacher moved that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast. Second by Jim Wisneski. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>

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	11. Adjourn		<p>Motion and second to adjourn. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.</p>