

**OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD**

**August 23, 2016**

Weston Lanes, Weston, WI

| Agenda Item   | Key Points   | Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments  |
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| <b>Call to Order</b>  | <p><b>Members Present:</b> Rob McConnell, Chair, Dave Traczyk, Vice Chair, Adam Harden, Bryan Much, Ernie Pulvermacher, Bobby Donahue, Jim Wisneski</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Cathy Burrow, Liaison, Gary Eddy, LE Liaison, Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, – DNR Staff, members of the public and project sponsors.</p>  | <p>Meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM<br/>                     Introductions of council members occurred. The members of the public introduced themselves as well.</p> |
| <b>Acceptance of Previous Meeting</b>                       |  | <p>Motion by Bryan to approve minutes as written. Second by Jim.<br/> <b>Motion carried.</b></p>   |
| <b>Introduction of new Council Appointee: Bobby Donahue</b> | <p>Bobby Donahue of Donahue Super Sports in Wisconsin Rapids.</p> <p>Bobby grew up in the power sports industry. The store was started 50 years ago by his parents, they owned and ran it for 30 years. Now he and his two brothers have run it for the past 20 years. They are a fixture in Wisconsin, within this industry.</p>  |  |
| <b>Chair Comments</b>                                       | <p>Rob McConnell, Chair</p>  |  |
| <b>Department Reports</b>                                   | <p><b>Storm Damage</b> The evening of July 11 into the 12th northwest Wisconsin has hit by a great deal of rain. Anywhere from 5” – 15” of rain fell. It did a great deal of damage. Some of the counties have not been able to access the areas that have damage. What we have so far is \$2.6 million in damage. FEMA is expected to cover 75%, state emergency management 12.5% and by snowmobile and ATV fund at 12.5%</p> <p>It continues to rain, the other night there was another 4” in Ashland and Bayfield County. About 1 week after the storm, straight-line winds came through and did a lot damage which is not being covered by FEMA at this point.</p> <p>The amount for ORV: \$175,282, snowmobile is: \$156,740.</p> | <p>Motion by Bryan to reserve \$350,000 to cover the current damage estimates and other issues that may arise.<br/>                     Second by Dave.</p>                |

Pictures were shown.

**Budget:** The state of Wisconsin last year moved to a new financial system called PeopleSoft and the DNR implemented a new licensing & vehicle registration system this spring called Go Wild. Between the two of these programs being new and our first time at gathering numbers, our Bureau of Finance wasn't able to provide Financial Statements and year end numbers in the manner that you've been accustomed to looking at them. Hopefully, this will be the only year that this happens, I expect we should be back to business as usual long before the 2017 funding meeting.

Summary sheets were provided showing that \$2.7 million is available for project/development awards this year.

**LE & Safety:**

14 fatalities so far, same as last year. Hopefully we won't reach the total of 20 that we did last year.

10 – ATVs, 4 – UTVs

Contributing factors:

Alcohol use (8/14)

Speed (6/14)

No helmet (11/14)

About 50/50 on trails vs. road route accidents. Issues starting to arise because there are 2 sets of laws for motorized vehicles using the same roadway.

**Signing Handbook** – Gary has been working with DOT, has feedback from others.

In agreement with DOT that aside from explaining what DOT signs are and what the ATV Route signs look like, our signing handbook will simply refer to DOT's signing information because those are highway signs and they are the experts on placing of those.

DOT explained that whoever places the signs is liable for placing them. If clubs are empowered to place the signs

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|  | <p>and then the local gov't doesn't inspect the placement, it's not good. By placing the signs, the club has brought that liability upon themselves. Even if the local municipality does inspect the placement, the club still may be liable simply because they put the signs up.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices can be found at this link: <a href="http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/">http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/</a></p> <p>It contains all the rules and regulations for signage. Also the expert in any area on placement is whoever in the local government does the highway maintenance.</p> <p><b>New Legislation:</b><br/>Off Highway Motorcycle law becomes effective on October 1. All trails and road routes should be considered closed to OHMs unless specifically listed/posted as open.</p> | <p><b>New Legislation:</b><br/>Press release for Off Highway Motorcycles:<br/><a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=3737">http://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/Article/?id=3737</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Review</b></p>   | <p><b>Equipment rates</b> – Snowmobile Recreation Council did not make any changes to their grooming, labor and equipment rates. They approved the rates unchanged from 15-16.</p> <p><b>Funding priority categories</b> – Rob explained the latitude the council has in prioritizing the funding categories.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance grants (summer &amp; winter) were: \$2,013,705.75</li> <li>• Trout Maintenance: \$38,266.23</li> </ul>  | <p>Motion by Bryan to approve the equipment rates unchanged from 14-15. Second by Ernie. <b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> The rates are posted on the ATV web page:<br/><a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates.pdf">http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates.pdf</a></p> <p>No changes were made to funding priority order.</p>  |
| <p><b>Application review and funding recommendations</b></p> | <p>The Council went through the entire category to determine if all questions were answered.</p>   | <p><b>Amendments:</b><br/>ATV-3362 Oneida Co. request for additional funds to cover higher than anticipated costs. Project is Enterprise trail system, 8 mile rehab.<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve at \$7,812, Jim second. Motion carried.</p> <p>ATV-3368 Adams Co. request for additional funds to cover higher than anticipated costs. Project is 12 mile reroute on Meteor Timber land.<br/>ATV Bridge/Trail Rehabilitation:<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve at \$1,266, Adam second.</p> |

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|  | <p>Bobby Donahue asked if covering trails with gravel such as projects #1 and #2 was the common method of rehabbing and constructing trails. It was explained that there is an on-going discussion regarding that: is it appropriate or not, is it a rehab or an enhancement, how does that fall into the whole scheme of things, how does that affect the program, how do users feel about it, how will we look at it in the future.</p> <p>The trend has been toward requesting more gravel and it hasn't been resolved at this point.</p> | <p>Motion carried.</p> <p><b>ATV Bridge/Trail Rehabilitation Requests:</b></p> <p>#01. Tri-County Corridor rehab of 7.5 miles of trail. Motion by Bryan to defer for lack of information, Jim second. Motion carried.<br/><b>Note:</b> This application was withdrawn during the mtg.</p> <p>#02. Tri-County Corridor rehab of 8.8 miles of trail. Motion by Bryan to defer for lack of information, Ernie second. Motion carried.<br/><b>Note:</b> This application was withdrawn during the mtg.</p> <p>#03. Douglas Co. bridge replacement on Trail 4. Motion by Jim to approve at \$12,750, Dave second. Motion carried. (Other half funded by Snow.)</p> <p>#04. Burnett Co. new boardwalk bridge on Trail 45. Motion by Dave to approve at \$64,052, Adam second. Motion carried. (Other half funded by Snow.)</p> <p>#05. Burnett Co. new boardwalk bridge on Trail 130. Motion by Bryan to deny. Second by Jim. Motion carried. (SRC denied funding, their stance is still water wetlands should be traversed after freeze down.)<br/><b>Reason:</b> Denied because Snow Council is not supporting it and it's only a winter ATV trail. If snowmobiles can wait until it freezes to use it, ATVs will also be able to use it at that time.</p> <p>#06. Washburn Co. Wild River Trail phase 3 rehab. Motion by Dave to approve at \$68,500, Adam second. Motion carried (4-Yes, 2-No).<br/><b>Note:</b> The no votes were explained as not being against the project or sustainable trails, but against end-to-end gravel.</p> <p>#07. Marinette Co. Rehab trail between Brown Spur Road and County O. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$29,870, Jim second. Motion carried.</p> |
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|  | <p>#08. The council discussed the issue that this category is our highest priority and it's legitimate for them to submit a request for gravel for the entire length of the trail, but is this the proper category to do so? Is that a rehab or an enhancement?</p> | <p><b>Note:</b> In response to a question, the Council responded that they were OK with funding 4" of gravel over the entire length because the conditions warrant it as the entire 1.5 mile length could be considered a hot spot. Pictures were provided that demonstrated the need for the gravel.</p> <p>#08. Oconto Co. rehab 10 miles (over 4 townships) of the Nicolet State Trail. Bryan moved to fund at \$20,000 to cover the southern 2 segments (approximately 5 miles) of the project. Second by Ernie.<br/>Motion carried. (4-Yes, 1-No, Jim-Abstained)<br/>(RTP funded half.)<br/><b>Reason:</b> After a site visit it was clear that the northern section needed to rehabbing, backed up with pictures.</p> <p>#09. Oconto Co. rehab .3 miles of hilly trail. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$3,625, Adam second.<br/>Motion carried. Jim abstained. (RTP funded half.)</p> <p>#10. Florence Co. to replace decking on four bridges on the Nicolet State Trail. Motion by Jim to approve at \$8,700, Adam second.<br/>Motion carried<br/>(RTP funded half, Snow funded 25%)</p> <p>#11. Florence Co. to add gravel to 3.2 miles of the Nicolet State Trail. Motion by Dave to approve at \$61,802, Bryan second.<br/>Motion carried (RTP funded half.)</p> <p>#12. Iron Co. to replace a deteriorating bridge over the Montreal River on Trail 11A. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$4,633, Jim second.<br/>Motion carried (Snow funded half.)</p> <p>#13. Taylor Co. rehab 2.5 miles in the Camp 8 Trail System (Maple Loop). Motion by Jim to approve at \$20,137, Ernie second.<br/>Motion carried (RTP funded half.)</p> <p>#14. Taylor Co. to construct a bridge on Corridor 23.</p> |
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|  |  | <p>Motion by Ernie to defer, Adam second.<br/> Motion carried (Snow funded half.)<br/> Deferred because it's a winter only ATV trail.</p> <p>#15. Taylor Co. to resurface 2.5 miles of Perkinstown trail 554 on USFS land. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$13,098, Ernie second.<br/> Motion carried (RTP funded half.)</p> <p>#16. Langlade Co. to replace several failing or underside culverts on their trail system. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$9,011, Jim second.<br/> Motion carried (RTP funded 50%, Snow funded 25%)</p> <p>#17. Amendment to ATV3028 Jackson Co for the ATV Connector trail. Motion by Jim to approve at \$17,079, Adam second.<br/> Motion carried (City contributed \$50,000, County contributed \$200,000)</p> <p>#18. Eau Claire Co. to rehab 1.8 miles of the Corkscrew ATV trail. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$13,422, Jim second.<br/> Motion carried (Snow funded half.)</p> <p>#19. Jackson Co. to rehab 1.25 miles of the Ashley Creek trail. Motion by Ernie to approve at \$23,582, Bryan second.<br/> Motion carried.</p> <p>#20. Jackson Co. to rehab 2 miles of Dodge Road trail. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$44,040, Ernie second.<br/> Motion carried.</p> <p><b>ATV New Year Round Trail Requests:</b><br/> #21. Burnett Co: 1.9 mile of ATV/UTV year round trail maintenance on Trail 7 Webb Lake. This project depends on #22 &amp; #26 being approved.</p> <p>All three projects were looked at and eventually this project was approved along with #22. and #26.</p> |
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|  | <p>#22. There was much discussion regarding the materials provided by the County. They did separate portions of the trail that were on other soil types and they are only spot graveling that section.</p> <p>The county provided science-based data and questioned why the Council wouldn't accept that. The response was that the forest roads have existed for a long time without gravel and if it works for forest roads why wouldn't it work for the ATV trails.</p> <p>Other counties in the state such as Jackson and Oconto also have sandy soils and they are able to maintain their trails without graveling them from end to end. Flat and smooth makes speed go up and that is a safety factor.</p> <p>The Council asked if the County would like to amend the application. The County declined to amend.</p> <p>#25. The Council asked questions regarding this trails ability to connect to other trail systems as it looked like a spur in the application. Forest and Oneida county representatives talked about future plans for trail systems in this area.</p> | <p>Motion by Bryan to approve projects, 21, 22 and 26, Ernie second.<br/>Motion carried. (1-No)</p> <p>#22. Washburn Co. to develop 9.41 miles of new year round trail, Casey Loop development.</p> <p>Motion by Dave to approve, Ernie second. Motion failed. (2-Yes, 4-No)<br/>Motion by Dave to defer, second by Bryan.<br/>Motion carried.<br/>Note: This project was later approved along with #21 and #26.</p> <p>#23. Bad River Band to continue the development (phase 2) of the Northern Lights Trail. Motion by Bryan to approve funding for phase 2 contingent upon the emergency outside funds being granted, Ernie second.<br/>Motion failed.</p> <p>Motion by Bryan to reserve the requested funds (\$225,702) for phase 2 contingent upon the Bad River Tribe securing emergency funds from the federal government in an amount sufficient to complete phase one, second by Jim.<br/>Motion failed.</p> <p>Motion by Bryan to defer the project until further information is provided, second by Jim.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion by Bryan to preserve the requested funds (\$225,702) until this grant request is resolved, second by Jim.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p>#25. Forest Co. to develop 4.87 miles of trail along Hwy. 8 (Phase 2).<br/>Motion by Ernie to approve at \$228,666, second by Adam.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p><b>ATV Troute Requests:</b></p> |
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|  |  | <p>#26. Washburn Co. 11.65 miles of new troute, dependent on #21 &amp; #22, Casey Loop trail.</p> <p>#27. Rusk Co. 1.5 miles of new troute, dependent upon completion of the Serley Camp Trail.<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve, second by Adam.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p>#28. Oneida Co. 0.8 miles of new troute on Shingle Mille Road as part of the Enterprise ATV/UTV system.<br/>Motion by Adam to approve, second by Bryan.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p>#29. Langlade Co. 2.3 miles of new troute, dependent on #35 new summer trail request.<br/>Motion by Bryan to defer and consider with project #35, second by Dave.<br/>Motion carried.<br/><b>Note:</b> This was later approved by the Council later along with #35.</p> <p><b>ATV New Summer Trail Requests:</b></p> <p>#30. Douglas Co. requests maintenance for 16.3 miles of new ATV/UTV trail in Gordon.<br/>Motion by Jim to approve, second by Bryan. Motion carried.</p> <p>#31. Oconto County/USFS to develop Partiridge Trail 0.9 miles on USFS land.<br/>Motion by Brayn to approve at \$24,858, second by Jim.<br/>Motion carried.<br/>(RTP funded half, club paid \$11,000.)</p> <p>#32. Oconto Co. to reconstruct a bridge over McCaslin Brook on USFS land at \$4,204.<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve this specific instance, but this approval does not constitute a precedent for &lt;14,000 lb. bridges, second by Dave. Motion carried.<br/>(RTP funded 50%, Snow funded 25%)</p> <p>#33. Vilas Co. to develop 4.3 miles near Conover. Motion by Bryan to approve at \$7,754, second by Adam. Motion</p> |
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|  |  | <p>carried.</p> <p>#34. Vilas Co. to develop 2.1 miles of new ATV/UTV trail in Arbor Vitae.<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve at \$3,170, second by Jim.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p>#35. Langlade Co. to develop 7.9 miles known as Augustyn Springs Bass Lake trail.<br/>Motion by Ernie to approve this project at \$55,973 and project #29 (maintenance only), second by Jim. Motion carried.</p> <p>#36. Oneida Co. to develop 6.7 miles of new ATV/UTV trail in the Enterprise County Forest block at \$401,763.<br/>Motion by Dave to approve, second by Jim. Motion carried.<br/>(RTP funded a portion of this project)</p> <p><b>ATV Intensive Use Area Requests:</b></p> <p>#37. Adams Co. Dyracuse Rec. Area development. Motion by Bobby to approve at \$12,000, second by Jim. Motion carried.</p> <p>#38. Adams Co. Dyracuse Rec. Area to purchase 80 acres to expand riding areas.<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve at \$216,000, second by Adam.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p><b>ATV Maps:</b></p> <p>#39. Douglas Co. to produce summer ATV maps at \$4,000.<br/>#40. Adams Co. to produce ATV maps at \$3,400.<br/>Motion by Bryan to approve both, second by Jim. Motion carried. (1-No)</p> <p><b>ATV New Winter Trail Requests:</b></p> <p>#41. Clark Co. requests maintenance for 12.70 new winter miles.<br/>Motion by Ernie, second by Bobby.<br/>Motion carried.</p> <p>#42. Marathon Co. requests maintenance for 2.9 new</p> |
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|  |  | <p>winter miles.<br/> Motion by Adam, second by Bryan.<br/> Motion carried.</p> <p><b>ATV New Support Requests:</b><br/> #43. Washburn Co.<br/> WIITHDRAWN by Washburn Co.</p> <p>#44. Washburn Co.<br/> WIITHDRAWN by Washburn Co.</p> <p>#45. City of Shell Lake requests continuing construction of the ATV campground at \$516,635.<br/> No Council Action.<br/> (Has received RTA funding in the past.) Phase 1 is \$159,000.</p> <p>#46. Town of Ojibwa requests revitalization of Ojibwa Park (ATV campground) at \$33,603.<br/> No Council Action.</p> <p>#47. Vilas Co. requests to build a campground at Torch Lake in Conover at \$320,000.<br/> Motion by Ernie to fund at \$160,000 contingent upon Motorized Stewardship award to this project, second by Adam.<br/> Motion carried.<br/> <b>Note:</b> County has invested \$110,000 in this project and has committed to investing \$320,000 in total.</p> <p>#48. Langlade Co. to improve the parking lot at the Augustyn Springs ATV trailhead and add a wash station.<br/> Motion by Jim to approve at \$28,838, second by Ernie.<br/> Motion carried. (RTP funded half.)</p> <p>#49. Adams Co. to continue to develop (water service) at Petenwell ATV/UTV Park at \$54,750. (RTP funded at \$45,000)<br/> No Council Action.</p> <p>#50. Adams Co. to continue to develop (electrical service)</p> |
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|   |  | <p>at Petenwell ATV/UTV Park at \$59,424. (RTP funded at \$45,000)<br/>No Council Action.</p> <p>#51. Juneau Co. to develop campsites at Wilderness Park at \$45,028.<br/>No Council Action.</p> <p>#52. Town of Wilson to build a trailhead restroom in the Park at \$32,250.<br/>No Council Action.<br/><b>Note:</b> A Motorized Stewardship grant was approved for this project.</p> <p>Motion by Jim to defer the remainder of the New Support Requests until exact funding numbers are known after damage requests are considered.<br/>Adam or Ernie seconded.<br/>Motion carried.</p> |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
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| <b>Council Member Items</b>             | <p><b>Bryan:</b> Adam and I still need to report back on using video and other technologies when reviewing grant applications.<br/><b>Jim:</b> would like winter maintenance grants for the past 2 years.<br/><b>Rob:</b> We haven't heard back from USFS on the Deadhorse Trail yet, we will be following up on that.</p> | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3" style="background-color: #fce4d6;">Winter Maintenance</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="background-color: #fce4d6;">Grant Year</th> <th style="background-color: #fce4d6;">Total Winter Miles</th> <th style="background-color: #fce4d6;">Grant Amount Awarded</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2014-15</td> <td>4,462.13</td> <td>\$446,213.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015-16</td> <td>4,483.66</td> <td>\$448,366.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016-17</td> <td>4,495.45</td> <td>\$449,545.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>                           | Winter Maintenance |  |  | Grant Year | Total Winter Miles | Grant Amount Awarded | 2014-15 | 4,462.13 | \$446,213.00 | 2015-16 | 4,483.66 | \$448,366.00 | 2016-17 | 4,495.45 | \$449,545.00 |
| Winter Maintenance                      |  |   |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| Grant Year                              | Total Winter Miles   | Grant Amount Awarded  |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| 2014-15                                 | 4,462.13   | \$446,213.00  |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| 2015-16                                 | 4,483.66   | \$448,366.00  |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| 2016-17                                 | 4,495.45   | \$449,545.00  |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| <b>Public Comments</b>                  | <p>Adam: The WATVA ride will be held September 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Everyone is welcome to come.</p>  |   |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| <b>Housekeeping &amp; other matters</b> | <p>November 1<sup>st</sup>, likely for a teleconference.<br/>August 22, 2017, tentative date for next year's funding meeting.<br/>In the future, ORV will indicate at the pre-funding meeting if they are unwilling to pay 50% of any project.</p>   |   |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |
| <b>11. Adjournment</b>                  |  | <p>Motion by Ernie, second by Bobby to adjourn at 3:33 PM.<br/>Motion carried.</p>  |                    |  |  |            |                    |                      |         |          |              |         |          |              |         |          |              |