

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

**August 28, 2018**

Quality Inn, Hummingbird Lane, Wausau, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
<p><b>1) Call to Order</b></p>	<p><b>Members Present:</b> Rob McConnell-Chair, Bryan Much-Vice Chair, Dave Traczyk, Jim Wisneski, Adam Harden, Ernie Pulvermacher, Bobby Donahue  <b>Absent:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski, Katie Simonsen–DNR Staff; members of the public</p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM                      Introductions</p>
<p><b>2) Acceptance of Previous Meeting</b></p>	<p>No further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion by Bryan, second by Jim to approve minutes as written.  <b>Motion Passed.</b></p>
<p><b>3) Agenda Repair</b></p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p><b>4) Chair Report</b></p>	<p>Lot of grants this year, fairly decent amount of funds. Lots of storm damage. Would like to look at as a Council, some more riding opportunity in the southern part of the state where riding opportunities are lacking.</p> <p>Vice-Chair: There is hardly any opportunity for riding in the southern part of the state. We have enough money to drive initiatives to develop motorized rec. areas over the next couple of years. To make that happen, the Council would need to commit to support that going forward and would have to spend some money on an employee perhaps limited term to manage such.</p> <p>Bryan moved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Council commits to pursuing rec areas in the southern part of the state.</li> <li>2. The Council would be willing to fund an employee to drive the project.</li> <li>3. The Council would be willing to commit the funds to work on that.</li> <li>4. To that end form a work-group to start pursuing this.</li> </ol> <p>Adam second.                      Discussion: Should we define what the southern part of the state is? No.                      Put a work group together to work with DNR, WATVA, the Council.  <b>Motion Passed</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> This motion serves to indicate the Council's willingness and intention to work on this initiative, not any specific action.</p>	
<p><b>5) DNR representatives' matters</b></p>	<p><b>DNR LE/Safety liaison</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Eddy covered the current ATV/UTV fatalities as of 8/28/2018 which included 8 ATV and 8 UTV fatalities for a total of 16. There was a total of 17 fatalities at this time last year. Last year's fatality total was 27 (tied for the record high).</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bobby Donahue noted that many of the victims were older. In his dealership he has a lot of 1st time owners and he finds that it's difficult to provide them with any safety information. They simply want to get their machine home and start driving it. He states it's sometimes overwhelming with all the mandatory safety information that the manufacturers require the dealers to cover.</li> <li>• Rob McConnell wondered if cost of the safety education course was a barrier and if there was any way to expand participation. Gary Eddy replied that he had not heard of anyone failing to take the current safety certification course due to cost. Rob stated that safety education needed to get out to new operators and maybe there needed to be an incentive of some sort or perhaps a free course.</li> <li>• Adam Harden stated that the Volunteer Trail Patrol Ambassador Program recently started the concept of "Welcome Centers" where they set up tent shelters at key trail locations where they can talk with riders about safety, provide a free safety inspection and hand out safety pamphlets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grants:</b> Went over handouts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some last-minute details of grant applications.</li> <li>• Fund availability is more than our spending authority. Cathy has draft a budget initiative to increase the spending authority.</li> <li>• There is \$4,934,102 available for development grants today.</li> <li>• Requests are: \$4,303,451.61 with cost share; \$5,203,056.93</li> <li>• Storm Damage: \$ 30,360.90 w/FEMA \$ 242,887.24 without</li> <li>• Funding priority order – must be done by January 15 to be in place for next season.</li> <li>• The Grants team will be working with WCFA on what the recent ATV trail interpretation will mean to them, it's unclear at this point if any changes will be needed.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6) Storm Damage</b></p>	<p>Motion by Bryan to recommend funding \$6,091.47 for Iron County storm damage not eligible for FEMA aid, second by Jim. <b><u>Motion Passed.</u></b></p> <p>Motion by Jim to reserve \$500,000 for current and future storm damage, second by Bryan. <b><u>Motion Passed.</u></b></p>
<p><b>7) Application review &amp; funding recommendations</b></p>	<p><b>Amendment Requests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marathon Co. increases due to rising steel cost. ATV-3714 Randall Creek bridge rehab, snow: \$16,250 increase (split with Snow fund). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• Forest Co. increases due to rising costs. ATV-3518 Highway 8 ATV Trail Phase 2: \$97,500 increase. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• Oneida Co. increase due to higher than anticipated bids. ATV-3525 Enterprise Trail Development: \$66,670 increase. Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Ernie. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Bridge/Trail Rehabilitation Applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forest Co. Nicolet ST Multi-Bridge Rehab: \$118,500. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul>

- **#01.** Burnett Co. TROUTE 41 west of Dogtown Creek: \$1,800. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#02.** Burnett Co. Bridge on Trail 925: \$8,000. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#03.** Burnett Co. Trails 6 and 7 in Town of Webb. Motion to not recommend funding this request: Bryan, second: Ernie. **Motion Passed: 4-Yes, 2-No.**
  - Not recommended for funded because those who voted to not recommend funding, believe this project to provide an enhancement to a trail that is contrary to significant user preference.
- **#04.** Burnett Co. hot-spots on Trail 41: \$21,600. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#05.** Burnett Co. Trail 8: \$36,000. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Ernie. **Motion Passed.**
- **#06.** Douglas Co. Wild Rivers Trail: \$26,788. (RTP=50%). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**
- **#07.** Rusk Co. Replace Moose Ear Bridge: \$24,750. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#08.** Sawyer Co. Trail 8 from Highway OO to Boedecker Rd: \$24,750. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#09.** Sawyer Co. Tuscobia Trail from Price Co line to Sundling Rd: \$170,010. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**
- **#10.** Oconto Co. "Pipeline" Trail: \$12,000. Motion to approve: Jim, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**
- **#11.** Oconto Co. Nicolet State Trail Dust Control. Motion to NOT recommend funding by Dave: second by Bryan. **Motion Passed**
  - The Council looked at a similar project several years ago. They decided at that time that is was cost prohibitive initially and on-going because of the reapplication requirements. The ORVC stated at that time that dust control is an eligible expense, but it must be claimed under maintenance.
- **#12.** Jackson Co. Trail #9 Pray Access Trail: \$22,020. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#13.** Jackson Co. Tail #9 Ott Memorial Trail: \$47,490. Motion to approve: Ernie, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#14.** Jackson Co. Cranberry/Saddle Mound rehabilitation of Trail #54: \$31,775. Motion to approve: Ernie, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#15.** Jackson Co. Brockway rehabilitation, trail #9 Ott Memorial Trail: \$31,681. Motion to approve: Adam, second: Ernie. **Motion Passed.**
- **#16.** Marathon Co. Build bridge over East Branch of Big Eau Pleine River: \$42,250 (Snow=50%). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.** 4-Yes, 2-No
- **#17.** Marathon Co. Replace Bridge #9 on BI, Baldwin Creek: \$35,000 (Snow=50%). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.** 4-Yes, 2-No
- **#18.** Lincoln Co. Green Meadow Creek bridge replacement: \$21,319 (RTP=50%, Snow=25%). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**
- **#19.** Lincoln Co. Culvert replacement on Four Mile Trail, Corridor 19: \$5,002 (Snow=50%). Motion to approve: Andy, second: Tom. **Motion Passed.**
- **#20.** Florence Co. Replace culvert on F2 trail near County Hwy N \$2,411 (tentative RTP grant offer). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Jim. **Motion Passed.**

- **#21.** Florence Co. reshape, resurface trail 6 b/w Oxbow Take Out and Johnson Creek Rd: \$20,847 (tentative RTP grant offer). Motion to approve: Ernie, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#22.** Florence Co. Trail 6 south of Pine River Bridge off County Hwy N: \$4,748. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Jim. **Motion Passed.**
- **#23.** Taylor Co. Decking and railing replacement of Silver Creek bridge on Pine Line trail: \$15,707 (50%=RTP, 25%=Snow). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#24.** Taylor Co. Trail 326 on USFS property, replace failed culvert with bridge (McKenzie Creek South): \$38,451 (RTP=50%). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#25.** Trail on Chequamegon National Forest (McKenzie Creek North): \$15,180 (tentative RTP grant offer). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.** 4-Yes, 3-No
- **#26.** Oneida Co. Trail in Enterprise ATV Trail System (Phase 2): \$51,150 (RTP=50%). Motion to approve: Dave, second: Bobby. **Motion Failed 2-Yes, 4-No.**  
 Motion to recommend NOT funding: Bryan, second: Jim. **Motion Passed 4-Yes, 2-No.**
  - Not recommended for funded because those who voted to not recommend funding, believe that trails should provide a diverse user experience and they believe that gravel is not needed on the native soil in this location. Additionally, they believe the phase 1 segment of this project which was recommended for funding, has been over-developed.
  - The council members who voted to fund this project believe that users have different preferences and one is not better than another. They rely on the County forester to know what is best for that county and that trail. Other Council members favor the user group position. To them it appears this trail is useable as it is and that's why his motion to recommend funding failed.
  - The User Preference is based on a survey that WATVA did of their user group.
- **#27.** Iron Co. Trail 6 near Saxon: \$55,776 (50%=RTP, 25%=Snow). Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Jim. **Motion Passed.**

#### **ATV New Year-Round Trail Requests**

- **#30.** Juneau Co. Maintenance of ATV/UTV trail on Hillsboro State Trail: \$2,560. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#31.** Juneau Co. Maintenance of ATV/UTV trail, new trail in area divided by State Hwy 58: \$800. Motion to approve: Jim, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#32.** Taylor Co. Trail connecting Camp 8 ATV Trail Sys to Village of Spirit: \$44,487 Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**

#### **ATV Trout Applications**

- **#41.** Eau Claire Co. Maintain on gas-tax funded forest roads (Channey Rd and Forest Rd): \$944. Motion to approve: Jim, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#42.** Oneida Co. maintain Bowman Rd and Zimmer Rd: \$691.10. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **See #57.** Langlade Co. Maintain non-gas-tax Forest Service roads and new ATV trails Town of Wolf River: \$1,884. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion to Pass.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*

### **ATV New Summer Trail Requests**

- **#50.** USFS-Sawyer Co. Deadhorse Amendment, complete boardwalks from Grant ATV-2086, construction of 2 bridges: \$279,044. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#51.** USFS-Oconto Co. Construct new bridge over the Oconto River, add ATV/UTV trail, add Troute: \$288,776. Motion to approve: Jim, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#52.** Town of Woodboro develop ATV/UTV trail on DNR Woodboro Lakes Wildlife Area. Motion to recommend NOT funding: Ernie, second: Jim. **Motion Passed.**
  - Recommended NOT funding because it is a short trail segment that connects to nothing not already reachable by existing routes. It is not of sufficient value to fund. It's expensive, goes nowhere and there is a great deal of existing trail riding opportunities nearby.
  - The Council would like to see more progress on expanding this as part of a trail system before it moves forward with recommending funding for this phase.
- **#53.** Oneida Co. Develop ATV/UTV trail to connect with #52: Woodboro Lakes Wildlife Area Trail with Cruisers Rd. No action taken because #52 not recommended for funding.
- **#54.** Oneida Co. maintain ATV/UTV Willow Dam Trail: \$770. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Ernie. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#55.** Vilas Co. Maintain ATV/UTV trail in Conover, along CTH K: \$1,120. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#56.** Vilas Co. Maintenance trail in Land O' Lakes connecting to Conover area trails: \$4,270. Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Ernie. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#57.** Langlade Co. new trail near Town of Wolf River and dev of bridge over Wolf River: \$288,056. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Adam. **Motion Passed. 1-Abstain**
- **#58.** Oneida Co. eliminate road route, replace with ATV/UTV trail, part of Enterprise ATV sys: \$16,361. Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**

### **All-Terrain Vehicle New Intensive Use Area Requests**

- **#60.** Adams/Dyracuse Co. Develop tracks and trails in Dyracuse Rec Area: \$239,000. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Jim. **Motion Passed.**

### **All-Terrain Vehicle New Map Requests**

- **#70.** Douglas Co. 10,000 ATV Maps: \$4,200. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**
- **#71.** Oneida Co. Littlerice & Enterprise ATV Maps: \$1,575. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.**

### **ATV New Winter Trail Requests**

- **#80.** Bayfield Co. Maintenance on Trail 18 in Delta Township/Tail 18 new miles: \$344. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#81.** Bayfield Co. Maintenance Trail 17 connector Gordon to Hayward area: \$569. Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.** \*Annual maintenance increase only\*
- **#82.** Burnett Co. Maintenance on Trail 8A new miles: \$130. Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Jim. **Motion Passed.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>#83.</b> Burnett Co. Maintenance Trail 8 new miles: \$200. Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Jim. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>#84.</b> Douglas Co. Maintenance Trail 17 connector: \$640. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>#85.</b> Lincoln Co. Maintain winter trail in Harrison Hills: \$420. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Bobby. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ATV New Support Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>#90.</b> Bayfield Co. Construct shelter Trail 3 and 43: \$21,992. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Jim. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>#91.</b> WITHDRAWN</li> <li>• <b>#92.</b> City of Shell Lake. Finish campground project: \$285,006. Motion to approve: Dave, second: Bobby. <b>Motion Failed. 2-Yes, 3-No</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This project has already received more than \$500,000 in ATV/UTV funding, there are other users who are able to make use of the campground and the City of Shell Lake needs to contribute to the project as well.</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>#93.</b> Rusk Co. Construct/replace Blue Goose Shelter outhouse: \$11,740. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Jim. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>#94.</b> Jackson Co. Signage and helipad locations for emergency response improvements: \$9,250. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>All-Terrain Vehicle Acquisition Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>#170.</b> Burnett Co. Trail 45 acquisition: \$12,500 (50%=Snow). Motion to approve: Bobby, second: Ernie. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>#171.</b> Adams/Dyracuse Co. purchase property from Meteor Timber Holdings LLC: \$423,000. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> <li>• <b>#172.</b> Adams/Dyracuse Co. purchase property from Rovert Kublank: \$328,000. Motion to approve: Bryan, second: Dave. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul>
<b>8) Council Members Matters</b>	Jim suggested holding a future meeting at Dyracuse.
<b>9) Comments from the Public</b>	WATVA: Information provided on the annual VIP ride. WCFA: None Public: None
<b>10) Housekeeping &amp; other matters</b>	A meeting may be required this fall to review storm damage and revised the funding priority items within the statute-mandated priority categories.
<b>11) Adjournment</b>	Motion by Bobby to adjourn, second by Ernie. <b>Motion Passed.</b>