



## Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Dale's Weston Lanes & Mountain Bay Conference Center  
5902 Schofield Avenue, Weston, Wisconsin

Council Members Present: Rob McConnell (Chair), Dave Traczyk, James Wisenski, Adam Harden, Bobby Donahue, Daniel Thole

Council Members Absent: Mike Biese (excused)

Public: Dale Mayo (SRC), Bev Ditmar (SRC), many counties, forestry, parks, etc.

DNR Staff: Cathy Burrow, Jillian Steffes, Ed Slaminski, Faith Murray, Kurt Byfield, Anne Loechler, Katie Simonsen

#### 1. Call to order at 8:32am

#### 2. Agenda Repair

- none

#### 3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

**Motion** by Adam, seconded by Jim – **motion carries.**

#### 4. Chair and Vice-Chair comments

- Chair (Rob):
  - Welcome new council member, Daniel Thole.
  - Suggests the ORV council purchase a few books on trail construction. Has recommendations on which books.
- Vice-Chair: no comments

#### 5. Public Participation

- WATVA- Adam: Upcoming legislation changes involving tire pressure, width of machines, auxiliary lighting, minor language changes. Reminder of next week's VIP ride in Dyracuse.
- Jon Schweitzer - LE aids were prorated at 62%, so that was one of the first positions to get cut
  - Response: Joint finance has added ¼ million to the budget for LE reimbursement to counties.
- Mike Peterson – RE: ATV on road ways – liability insurance questions when they are on the roadways.
- Holly Tomlanovich - Would appreciate getting the information on the website a bit further ahead of time.

#### 6. DNR Report

- DNR Grants Report:

- Financial: maximum available for development is just over \$3 mil – capped by Joint Finance Ch20 (spending authority). New legislation would be needed to raise the cap. The money we can't spend stays there.
- Update from the SRC – due to the required GIS layer, we've identified 426 miles of "funded trail" that we not on-the-ground, that funding will come back to the program. Because of that and the trail pass revenue, we were able to fund new miles for the first time in 17 years. The new mile applications will be reviewed over the next month and looking to approve about 500 new miles.
- Law Enforcement Report:
  - April Dombrowski's highlights from yesterday's Snowmo Mtg
    - Vacancy in Off Highway Vehicle program – we are looking to fill in September and have both admin and program specialist up and running before December.
    - Bureau of LE –
      - initiating two-year strategic plan, objective for trails initiative, sound enforcement (training officers), safe operation, and ride responsibly – targeted marketing – looking at crashes/fatalities tells a story where to market safety messages.
      - Simplify regulation pamphlets. Individual trifold "know before you go" – if ready to ride for the weekend, for all rec vehicles.
      - Trail signage handbook near completion – 4 grammatical errors away. Will be avail by Oct 1 (hopefully mid September)
      - Revamped annual report – combined all rec vehicles into one annual report – not just about statistics, but about the story of rec use in Wisconsin – including initiatives, marketing, branding. That's available on the website – take a look.
    - Recap: tying back to ride responsibly: 2018 stats – moved to a calendar year instead of season year
  - Rob – Would like the council to receive updates on fatalities and trends, when those come out. Answer – Cathy will pass on the information to April and the new hire.

**7. ACTION ITEM: Storm damage review and possible funding recommendations**

- Both Langlade and Oconto have submitted preliminary estimates. FEMA eligible. SRC has set aside 2mil for storm damage.
  - Motion to set aside \$500k for storm damage or other unforeseen issues **tabled for the end of meeting.**

Grant Number	County	Discussion	Motions
S1	Oconto	No action, wait for FEMA determination	
S2	Langlade	No action, wait for FEMA determination	
S3	Barron		<b>Motion to approve Barron County – by Jim, second by Bobby. Motion carries unanimously.</b>

**8. ACTION ITEM: Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications**

<b>Grant Number</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Motions</b>
<b>Amendments</b>			
<b>A1</b>	Marinette	Adjustment due to GIS/GPS project.	- asking Faith to review & bring it back to the council
<b>A2</b>	Price	Project nearly complete, increase for materials	<b>Motion to approve Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam – Motion carries unanimously</b>
<b>Rehab Projects</b>			
<b>1</b>	Oconto	RTP grant is approved.	<b>Motion to approve</b> by Jim, second by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>2</b>	Oconto	DOT approaches. Also RTP approved.	<b>Motion to approve</b> by Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>3</b>	Oconto		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bobby Jim abstains <b>Motion carries</b>
<b>4,5,6</b>	Taylor		<b>Motion to approve projects 4,5, and 6</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>7</b>	Langlade	SRC and RTP approved.	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>8</b>	Iron	SRC approved.	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>9</b>	Burnett		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dan. <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>11</b>	Burnett	RTP approved.	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>12</b>	Burnett		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>13</b>	Douglas		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Bobby, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dave <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>14</b>	Douglas		<b>Motion to approve</b>

			By Bobby, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
15	Douglas	Revised cost: \$31,298	<b>Motion to approve</b> at revised cost by Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
16	Sawyer		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
17	USDA Washburn		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
18	Washburn		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
19	Chippewa		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
20	Jackson		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
21	Jackson		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dan. <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
22	Jackson	Not funded by snowmo (<10 years since last rehab) Request is for 100% of project cost (\$4,068)	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
23	Jackson		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Bobby, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>New Year Round Trails</b>			
24	Iron	SRC may fund this project next month, but not official.	<b>Motion to approve</b> <b>\$36,199</b> (assumes SNO cost share) by Bobby, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
25	Burnett	Has been an existing snow trail, county is looking to upgrade for year-round use. Discussion on use of gravel.	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dan <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
26	Jackson		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Bobby, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>New Summer Trails</b>			
27	Oneida	Discussion on gravel approaches required by DOT.	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
29	Douglas		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>

30	Rusk		<b>Motion to approve</b> by Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam. <b>Motion carries Unanimously.</b>
31	Wood	Still working with DNR water regs on potential design needs. Part of a bigger plan, see connectivity map	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
32	Wood	Maintenance on existing (open) trails	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>Winter ATV</b>			
33	Lincoln		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
34	Taylor		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
35	Burnett		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dan, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Dave <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>TROUTE applications</b>			
36	Wood	Discussion on eligibility– troute must connect to trail or services, route does not count. This does not qualify as a troute because it does not meet connection requirements.	<i>(not approved)</i>
<b>Intensive use areas</b>			
37		Embarrass River ATV Park	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
38	Kewaunee	Reroute for erosion issues	<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
39	Kewaunee		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Jim, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Adam <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
40	Wood		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>New Support Requests</b>			
41	Iron	Withdrawn – Seeking Motorized Stewardship funding	
42	Langlade		<b>Motion to approve</b> By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>Maps</b>			
43, 44			<b>Motion to approve</b> projects 43, 44

			By Adam, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Jim <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>
<b>ATV acquisition requests</b>			
	Town of Rome	Discussion on wetlands, real estate appraisal, land owner issues. More information needed (appraisal, and proposal for future development with consideration to wetland areas). Applicant willing to provide council requested information by the end of September, and move forward on an appraisal.	<b>Motion to defer for the next meeting in October.</b> By Dave, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Bobby <b>Motion carries Unanimously</b>

### 9. Council member items

- More discussion on highway crossings at next council meeting.
- Jim – thanks the counties for the work in submitting applications and improving the application quality. Call for bridge projects while the funding is strong.
  - Comment to the council; last year did not recommend funding some projects, but they were approved by DNR.
    - Answer – Council is advisory, but DNR has ultimate decision. If a county or municipality is denied a grant at the council (advisory) level, they (the entity applying) can appeal the denial.
    - Cathy – Recommends the council create a rating and ranking criteria based on what is in code. Could also create policies and guidelines.
    - Rob – We do have the ability to emphasize what we want done and deter things we don't want done. The program can fund up to 100%, but can say up to 50% – the council has the ability to recommend funding at less than 100%
- Adam – Visited Shell lake for grand opening. Camp grounds facilities are well done. Good commitment for the motorized camp ground from the community.
- Dan – (new member) Auditor for dept of revenue, CPA with municipal clients, looking at retirement, outdoors hunting and ATVing and a passion for trails and outdoor activities.

### 10. Next meetings;

- Oct 9 – Tigerton (w/ potential ride)
- Wed June 17<sup>th</sup> (pre-funding meeting) – Townhall in Tomahawk
- Wed August 26<sup>th</sup> funding meeting – Central location TBD

### 11. Adjourn; 11:31

(No motion on file)