

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

November 12, 2014

Conference Call w/public Location Cumberland, WI DNR

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	1. Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Adam Harden, Bryan Much, Jim Wiesneski, Dave Traczyk, and Bill Schuman Absent: Ernie Pulvermacher and Mike Peterson (advisory member)</p> <p>Others Present: Diane Conklin, Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, Ed Slaminski - DNR Grants Staff</p>	It was established that a quorum was present.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	N/A	
	3. Chair Comments	<p>Rob McConnell attended a Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) ad hoc meeting. They have started a motorized recreation vehicle ad hoc committee within WCC. Randy Harden was also invited but it is still unclear as to their overall goal.</p> <p>We asked the legislative council regarding DNR's variance process which confirms what Diane has said. The language is rather loose and DNR can approve or deny almost anything,</p>	
	4. Reports	<p>Budget Balance – Diane Conklin The current available budget is \$293,509.04.</p>	
	5. Action Arising from Reports	None	
	6. Citizen Participation	None	

	<p>7. Trail Matters</p>	<p>1. Storm Damage – a total of \$80,676.00 We have 5 requests for storm damage. Because of issues in Marinette County, we have been notified by trail/club of amounts. Their total is \$21,722. The Tri-County Corridor (northern) has requested \$5,654, and Washburn County has asked for \$53,300, for a total of \$80,676.</p> <p>2. Adams County acquisition \$74,970 Adams County has run into a dilemma with timing regarding the acquisition application they submitted. The had originally been approved for Motorized Stewardship for the acquisition but, because of the connection to Stewardship rules, this project would need to be approved by the Natural Resources Board because we would want to deny the 5 nature based activities required on each Stewardship acquisition because of public safety. The soonest we can present to the board would be January, 2015. If, for some reason our project is not accepted for that meeting, it would not be until March, 2015. The County has already purchased the land with a letter of retroactivity and needs to receive reimbursement so that they can start development. This is a county that lost a high percentage of their trails because of the sale of Plum Creek land. The County is requesting approval by the ORV Council for \$74,970 in ATV funds that will be matched with RTA funds to equal 80</p>	<p>Motion by Bill Schuman that a deadline for storm damage of <u>November 30, 2014</u>, be established, contingent upon fund availability. Second by Jim Wiesneski. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Jim Wiesneski to approve the storm damage that has been sent in. Second by Dave Traczyk. <u>Motion carried.</u></p> <p>Motion by Dave Trazcyk to approve the funding for Adams County. Second by Bill Schuman. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>
	<p>8. Council Member Items</p>	<p>Bill Schuman mentioned the meeting held on Oct 24 in</p>	

		<p>Park Falls. Last weekend AWSC had their workshop and the Price County snowmobilers were very interested in the outcome. The meeting was a first time attempt to get AWSC and WATVA to discuss mutual issues. Specifically, in a few different areas there was some off-trail riding that closed a snowmobile trail and another trespass got an ATV trail closed. What we found out is that the snowmobilers are well organized but the ATVers are not.</p> <p>Bryan discussed the meeting as well. We reinforced the idea that resources are limited and that we need to utilize the funds wisely. Also, sometimes, people submit projects that aren't exactly what they want, but they send them in anyway.</p>	
	<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>Next conference call will be December 10, 2014. 9:00 AM. The funding meeting has been scheduled for August 25, 2015.</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Dave Traczyk, second by Adam Harden. <u>Motion carried.</u></p>