



## Snowmobile Advisory Council Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 23rd, 2021

Bradley Town Hall, Tomahawk, Wisconsin

And via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Gary Hilgendorf, Dale Mayo, Bob Lang, Bev Dittmar, Joel Enking, Andy Malecki

Other Council Members Present: Don Mrotek, Abby Haas

DNR staff attendance: Jillian Steffes, Jeff Pennucci, Kurt Byfield, Annie Loechler

Public attendance: Nathan Matters, other members of the public

### 1. Call to order at 10:00 AM

### 2. Agenda Repair

- None

### 3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve June 2021 minutes by Dale, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev. MOTION PASSED

### 4. Committee Chair Comments

- We may want to tweak new mile scoring. Maybe less than 0.5 mile trail to services is less valuable to the system than a three mile trail, for example.

### 5. Public Comments

- None

### 6. DNR Funding Report

- HANDOUTS
  - List of New Mile Applications
- State budget passed, included ability for DNR to pay GTS directly for the GPS units. Nathan will invoice the Department for units as he sends them out. Nathan hasn't been sending out the GPS units yet (waiting for that budget), but will begin now. A lot of clubs haven't requested units yet.
- Reports of some grooming entries in SNARS when there was no snow on the ground. No snow = non-grooming. Counties should be keeping an eye on that and rejecting entries. If the machine was used to brush, etc, it should be in as non-grooming. Packing/panning can be grooming, but if the puller was out without a drag, it should be non-grooming.

### 7. Discussion: SNARS Entries when GPS'd Puller Performing Non-Grooming Activities

- GTS/SNARS will have a statewide "first snow" date. Any puller out on the trail with a GPS unit in it prior to that date won't have anything recorded in SNARS (clubs will need to do manual entry for non-grooming). AFTER that "first snow" date, any puller activity will automatically go in as Grooming. If it was not grooming (ie, no snow, out brushing, etc) the club will need to not-approve that entry in SNARS, and do a manual entry for non-grooming.

### 8. Information & Action: Review snowmobile "New Mile" grant applications.

#### Douglas County

NM-1 (Trail 5) should be considered as a relocation. Will be moved there for funding meeting

#### Green County

NM-4 Would be helpful to see this trail highlighted on a county-wide map.

**Iowa County**

NM-5 (T-Riders). Narrative is confusing, verify there is no development cost in the request. Would be helpful to see this trail highlighted on a county-wide map.

**Outagamie County**

NM-6 (Outagamie Z6-1-NPR). Better map? Is this 40' off of road?

**Monroe County**

NM-7, 37 and 60 (Monroe). Deduct points for #1, they don't have written LUA  
NM-37 Also, apply parallel trail deduction

**Manitowoc County**

NM-8 (Manitowoc). Verify they have documentation for points for #1 (Public Land/Written LUA)  
NM-24 (Manitowoc D and B). Collectively this doesn't seem to close a gap. Pick 1. Easements?

**Marinette County**

NM-10 (Marinette 4). Pick 1. Provide map with businesses identified to justify the spurs.  
NM-25 (Marinette 3). Is Trail 3 funded? What does the new trail connect to? 3 spurs, are all necessary, what do they connect to?  
NM-78 (Marinette 2). Why not make the trail from 218 to 220 a club trail and switch funding to this trail (216 to 217)

**Sawyer County**

NM-130 and 131 (Sawyer). They should have 0 points for the grooming equipment.  
NM-131 (Sawyer). Is this 40' off the road?

**Dodge County**

NM-11 (Dodge 6). Is the last map relevant?

**Lafayette County**

Verify the written LUAs on all. Some of these are parallel, does the county have a preference if we cannot fund all? Such as prefer Gratiot?

**Chippewa County**

NM-53 (Chippewa Old Abe). Is this on public land? (Yes, state trail). What is the condition of the bridge? Would you consider switching funding from the parallel trail to the east, so that would become a club trail and this one funded?  
NM-54 (Chippewa Trail 64). Need maps that include existing trail.

**Juneau County**

NM-18 (Juneau CRRR). Are there bridges? Can we get better maps?

**Trempealeau County**

NM-19 (Arcadia Buffalo). Can we get better maps? Is there a bridge? Appears to be parallel. Connects to other trails in Buffalo.

**Oconto County**

Would be helpful if maps could show the trails in the adjacent county (ie, what does it connect to).

**Sheboygan County**

NM-136 Does this connect to a funded trail? (Yes – trail to the west is funded through DNR. This would complete the stretch).

## **Adams County**

Better maps would be useful. Verify distances.

Discussion – should there be a minimum length threshold? Of the applications submitted, 39 are for segments 2 miles or less...12 are for segments less than a mile. What benefit is there to the statewide program to fund such small trails?

**Motion to recommend funding only trails that are 2 miles in length or longer, unless the trail has substantial value. Motion by Andy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev. MOTION PASSED**

### **9. Member reports, comments and items**

- **Joel.** Remember, everything we agree to fund for new miles is FOREVER
- **Gary.** We should tweak the scoring system moving forward.
- **Dale.** Did the program lose the Indian Gaming money?
- **Andy.** Need the financial statement/budget before we can decide how many new miles to fund.

### **10. Items for next meeting**

- Equipment Rates
- Review of groomers claiming to have 12' drags that may not actually meet the minimum specs.

### **11. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bev. MOTION PASSED**