

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Bev Dittmar- Chair, Arlyn Baumgarten, Tom Chwala, Bob Lang, Lee Van Zeeland, Dale Mayo, Dave Newman, Sam Landes, Andy Malecki, Mike Holden, Gary Hilgendorf, Steve Moran, Nancy Olson; Jeff Schwaller <i>One position vacant</i></p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Gary Eddy, Ann Loechler, Ed Slaminski, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, Chris Halbur, Katie Simonsen – DNR; members of the public</p>	Meeting was called to order at 8:33
Agenda Repair	None	
Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes		Motion by Mike Holden, second by Dale Mayo to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. <u>Motion Passed</u>
Comments	<p>Chair: Come a long way, seen a lot, lots of storm damage this year; hoping for a calmer year – looking to the future to maintain and keep trails, permanent and multi-use trail is coming</p> <p>Cathy: Larry has retired from council and is not seeking reappointment. No news on reappointment at this time. Dale, Tom and Lee were reappointed.</p>	
Citizen Participation	<p>AWSC</p> <p>Dave Newman: They held their season wrap-up meeting with DNR in the spring:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussed vendors being able to sell physical non-res trail passes in border communities. This is not in DNR's business plan and there are no plans to make this happen. 2. Dealer registration requirement for new sled sales. Currently it takes 6-8 weeks to receive the registration decal in the mail. Our members can ride with the reg. receipt but can't get discounted trail passes until they receive their registration number. There is a short-term answer which involves education to the Dealers. They can let the individual register online through Go Wild on the individual's account, but the customer would need the dealer's FEIN number to show the sale tax was paid by the dealer. They will receive their registration numbers immediately. He mentioned this may be something to include in the report to Joint Finance. 3. AWSC is moving forward with the Snowmobile Friendly Community town designation program. Information is included on the AWSC website. 	

	<p>4. AWSC fall workshop at Chula Vista Oct. 26-28. There will be no Council Panel, but all council members invited. Bev will be honored with the Snowmobiler of the Year award.</p> <p>Storm updates – Drew Nusbaum-DOT I-90-94 closures (going into Labor Day weekend with interstate closed by the Dells). Updates on closures – all initial reports water levels higher than 2008 – confirmed tornadoes in several counties – six or seven disaster counties – be safe watch for traffic heading south</p> <p>Public Comments: Monroe county – Two club members spoke regarding the Council’s decision on drag wings. They asked the Council to reconsider the motion made by the Infrastructure Committee at their June meeting and allow wings to be included with the width even if they don’t run the entire length of the drag. They suggested if the council was not willing to do that, that a grace period be allowed for the clubs to make changes to their equipment. They also expressed that this news was not communicated ahead of time and suggested the Council not exclude innovation with excessive rules.</p> <p>Members of the Council responded stating that this wasn’t a change, it has always been a requirement for wings to span the entire length of the frame, that the rates committee has been active for more than 2 years and that they welcome innovation, but it must be proven before the council will adopt it. Just as Sawyer County and their vendor did with tracked trucks.</p> <p>Arlyn Baumgarten was honored as International Snowmobiler of the Year at the International Snowmobile Congress in Nova Scotia, June 2018. Congratulations Arlyn!</p>
<p>DNR Report</p>	<p>DNR – Law Enforcement & Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gary Eddy explained that he heard back from WisDOT regarding concerns expressed by the ad hoc Trailing Signing Handbook committee and that all of them have been resolved. Gary had already handed out WisDOT’s response to the concerns to the ad hoc committee members. There are a few ATV signs that require Federal DOT approval before they can be added to the handbook. That sounds like it may be a lengthy process, therefore Gary is going to move forward with working with a graphic artist on the handbook revisions. • Arlyn Baumgarten asked Gary if he thought the signing handbook would be complete by the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs’ Fall Workshop and Gary said that that was his goal. • Dale Mayo wanted Gary to let the WisDOT know that the council appreciated their willingness to work corroboratively on the handbook. • Nancy Olson asked Gary if there was any development on the 40 feet distance requirement for a two-way trail adjacent to a roadway. Dave Newman stated this this could become a future issue with approving new trails. Gary stated that he hasn’t heard anything new from WisDOT and that at the last Snowmobile Rec. Council meeting Dave stated he was going to draft a letter to the Governor’s Office requesting an official recommendation from WisDOT. Dave stated that he would work on it and Gary offered to assist if need be.

	<p>DNR – Grants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIS update: Regional grant specialists sent requests to the Counties. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Requested more specific information from the counties on identified routes vs trail vs road, names, funded/unfunded by Dec 31. Vital information for awarding new miles. Council might want to consider a team to look at the information. • New miles applications will take more analysis and review, so council may want to schedule additional time/meetings to adequately review this new information. At Feb meeting will want to set date and people to work on it. • Handouts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ funding spreadsheet, front has budget ○ Updated application information ○ Copy of conditions included in all grant contracts for land acquisition. ○ SNARS auditing rules: will be available to the counties and on SNARS. ○ Email from DOT regarding crossings. Dale: <i>Agreement has been snowmobilers won't seek a higher portion of gas tax while DOT maintains the crossings.</i> ○ Ad hoc joint finance team product updated with Finance Committee input. ○ Storm damage estimates (so far) ○ Initial supplemental claims for '17-18 season. ○ Supplemental snow payment history. ○ Snow pass history. ○ Mean snowfall amounts ○ County square miles to trail miles ration • Report showing per county grooming/mile, nongrooming/mile and county admin charges will be coming after supplemental audits are complete. • SNARS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shut down for annual maintenance, back up after the meeting and new rates (Saturday Sept 1: maintenance entries may be added with work dates beginning on July 1) ○ Historical data will be archived and available for review by anyone 	
<p>Reports of Standing Committees & Action Recommended</p>	<p>Finance: Dale – met Aug 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good meeting, good shape next year for new miles, however, a little premature until housekeeping is done. • Early requests for storm damage, from June 15. Additional from Bayfield needs to be added. More will be coming in. • Funding spreadsheet: Thanks to Cathy and DNR, pages attached give reasons, etc. 	<p>FINANCE MOTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends funding up to the amount of \$2,908,339 (which is the non-supplemental fund availability F7 reference). <u>Motion Passed</u> • Recommends retaining 500k in reserve for storm damage and other unforeseen issues. <u>Motion Passed</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JFC report: counties need to get GIS data back to council ASAP. • Need to begin drafting JFC report immediately after meeting. <p>Infrastructure: Recommended for Council Approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went over grants and questions at meeting • Jason and Tom from Monroe presentation on drag wing - council came up with recommendation and a motion to be discussed • Motion on pick-up trucks to move to class A with conditions • Rate increases • Discussed skid steer attachments, consensus is that not recommended for separate pay item <p>Wings: Monroe county folks were asked to speak. Council discussed amending the motion from 'length of the body' to 'even with the front to minimum of 60% back'</p> <p>Council states they are not closed to innovation, but do not fund experiments. They would need to see data proving the effectiveness of such a design, before approving it. It was also state that wings were never meant to increase the width of a drag for funding purposes. This is something that apparently wasn't clearly communicated in the past. It's another example of SNARS providing for uniformity statewide.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends keeping in reserve the excess supplemental funds to be retained for future needs. (\$2,472,985). <u>Motion Passed</u> <p>INFRASTRUCTURE MOTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended the council approve adding trucks to Class A with following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minimum of one ton (4-wheel drive) ○ Minimum payload of 3,500 lb. series, fully-tracked – track system ○ 15,000 lb. manufactured gross vehicle weight (GVW) <p><u>Motion Passed</u></p> <p>Note: the committee motion was amended to add "(4-wheel drive)" and "manufactured" to the motion. Motion by Bob Lang, second by Dale Mayo. Motion Passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended the council approve the following rate changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Class B – increase to \$40 ○ Class C – increase to \$25 ○ Add \$5 to all number 3 drags (AAA3=\$70; AA3=\$65; A3=\$60) <p><u>Motion Passed.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended the council approve wings (to increase the fundable width of a drag) that meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hydraulically operated • must cut and pack snow • similar structural material as main frame • 24" minimum wide • extend full length of the main frame <p><u>Motion Passed</u> 13 approved; one opposed</p>
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Review of and funding recommendations for applications & amendments

Amendment Requests:

- Forest Co. Nicolet ST multiple bridge rehab: \$118,500 (split with ATV). Motion to approve: Lee, second: Bob. **Motion Passed.**
- Eau Claire Co. increases due to steel & lumber increase costs on 3 bridges (S-5088, 5089 and 5085): \$6,950. Motion to approve: Bob, second: Arlyn. **Motion Passed.**
- La Crosse Co. storm damage from July 19-20, 2017, not covered by maintenance: \$6,379. Motion to approve: Steve, second: Sam. **Motion Passed.**

Bridge/Trail Rehabilitation Applications:

- **#01.** Lincoln Co. Green Meadow Creek bridge: \$21,319 (RTP-50%, ATV-25%, Snow-25%). Motion to approve: Andy, second: Tom. **Motion Passed.** (1 abstain)
- **#02.** Florence Co. F2 trail culvert: \$2,411 (RTP-50%, ATV-25%, Snow-25%). Motion to approve: Dale, second: Arlyn. **Motion Passed.**
- **#03.** Florence Co. Deadman Creek – 2 bridges: \$9,726 (split with RTP). Motion to approve: Mike, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
- **#04.** Taylor Co. Silver Creek bridge on Pine Line trail: \$15,708 (RTP-50%, ATV-25%, Snow-25%). Motion to approve: Gary, second: Sam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#05.** Price Co. N. Fork Skinner Bridge on Corr. 12: \$30,300. Motion to approve: Steve, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
- **#06.** Milwaukee Co. Ryan Creek: \$42,902. (split with RTP). Motion to approve: Steve, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
- **#07.** Sheboygan Co. Bridge on unnamed water body on trail AY-3. \$27,000. Motion to approve: Bob, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
- **#08.** Sheboygan Co. Mullet River Tributary trail PSR-10-Corridor 3. \$3,415. Motion to approve: Steve, second: Dave. **Motion Passed.**
- **#11.** Columbia Co. Fabrizious bridge. \$74,103. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Sam. **Motion Passed**
- **#12.** Richland Co. Pine River shoreline stabilization. \$19,998. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Gary. **Motion Passed.**
- **#13.** Sauk Co. Honey Creek Sauk 26 bridge. \$106,500. Motion to approve: Bob, second: Sam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#14.** Dunn Co. Gilbert Creek snowmobile bridge. \$56,800. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Lee. **Motion Passed.**
- **#15.** Eau Claire Co. Schultz Road bridge. \$28,300. Motion to approve: Andy, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
- **#16.** Eau Claire Co. Corridor 31 culvert. \$40,500. Motion to approve: Sam, second: Bob. **Motion Passed.**
- **#17.** Marathon Co. Baldwin Creek bridge. \$35,000 (ATV-50%). Motion to approve: Jeff, second: Lee. **Motion Passed.**
- **#18.** Trempealeau Co. bridge stabilization. \$15,000. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Sam. **Motion Passed.**
- **#19.** Burnett Co. Trail 925 bridge rehab. (50%-ATV) \$8,000. Motion to approve: Andy, second: Tom. **Motion Passed.**
- **#20.** Rusk Co. Moose Ear bridge replacement. (ATV-50%) \$24,850. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Arlyn. **Motion Passed.**
- **#21.** Rusk Co. Little Soft Maple Cr bridge replacement. \$49,200. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Lee. **Motion Passed.**

- **#44.** Marathon Co. Randall Creek new bridge. (50%-ATV) \$52,250. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Lee. **Motion Passed.**

Trail Rehabilitation Applications

- **#25.** Lincoln Co. Four Mile trail, corridor 19. (50%-ATV) \$5,002. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Arlyn. **Motion Passed.**
- **#26.** Florence Co. Trail 6 south of the Pine River. (RTP-50%, ATV-25%, Snow-25%) \$4,748. Motion to approve: Lee, second: Jeff. **Motion Passed.**
- **#27.** Iron Co. Trail 6 near Saxon. (RTP-50%, ATV-37.5%, Snow-12.5%) \$18,592. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Arlyn. **Motion Passed.**
- **#28.** Oconto Co. Gates on USFS trail. \$6,600. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Mike. **Motion Passed.**

SNOWMOBILE MANDATORY TRAIL RELOCATIONS

- **#30.** Vilas Co. Trail 45 in Conover Wis River bridge. \$216,400. Motion to approve: Sam, second: Gary, abstained: 1. **Motion Passed.**
 - **#32.** Chippewa Co. Corridor 33 to Wheaton Trail. \$540 Motion to approve: Dale, second: Steve. **Motion Passed.**
- Note:** This is a maintenance amendment of an additional 1.8 miles due to a mandatory reroute.
- **#31.** Fond du Lac Co. Northwestern trail. (RTP \$95,000) \$111,500. Motion to approve: Sam, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
 - **#33.** Jackson Co. Trail 94 mandatory reroute adding Sand Creek bridge. \$83,548. Motion to approve: Andy, second: Sam. **Motion Passed.**

SNOWMOBILE DISCRETIONARY TRAIL RELOCATIONS

- **#35.** Forest Co. Lumberjack Memorial Trails. (Club ~\$13,750, Town \$7,500) \$3,500. Motion to amend original to fund only the part not adjacent to the road – motion to approve as amended: Dale, second: Arlyn. **Motion Passed.**

Note: Forest Co. supplied more information to the DNR after the meeting, stating the portion of trail along the roadway would be a one-way trail.

- **#36.** Langlade Co. Wolf River bridge. (ATV-50%) \$154,175. Motion to approve: Mike, second: Dale. **Motion Passed.**
- **#37.** Langlade Co. Lily River bridge. \$102,500. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Andy. **Motion Passed.**
- **#38.** Kewaunee Co. East Twin River KF-C1S. \$61,900. Motion to approve: Andy, second: Jeff. **Motion Passed.**
- **#41.** Price Co. Hay Creek bridge. \$35,000. Motion to approve: Sam, second: Andy. **Motion Passed.**

SNOWMOBILE NEW BRIDGE REQUESTS

- **#40.** Vilas Co. Boulder Junction Corridor 15&6. (RTP-\$23,021) \$177,479. Motion to approve: Lee, second: Andy, abstain: 2. **Motion Passed.**
- **#42.** Chippewa Co. Corridor 27, Roger Creek new bridge. \$62,200. Motion to approve: Andy, second: Tom. **Motion Passed.**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #45. Marathon Co. Big Eau Pleine River East Branch, new bridge. (ATV-50%) \$42,250. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Jeff. Motion Passed. • #46. Rusk Co. south fork Main Creek. \$81,600. Motion to approve: Dale, second: Sam. Motion Passed. <p>SNOWMOBILE ACQUISITION REQUESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #50. Burnett Co. Trail 45 Acquisition. \$12,500. Motion to approve: Lee, second: Nancy, approve: 9, oppose: 4. Motion Passed. <p>\$998K left</p>	
<p>Storm damage review and possible funding recommendations</p>	<p>Cathy: storm damage handout reflects what is known right now, more will be coming in.</p> <p>CSSs have council approval for up to \$500k for storm, if it goes over that will meet back as a council. This can be used for known issues, after FEMA funds are received. Substantial changes will need to be reviewed by the council.</p>	<p>MOTIONS:</p> <p>Motion by Dave to set aside remainder for storm damage and not approve new miles, at this time, but leave that open for next year. Second by Sam <u>Motion Passed</u></p>
<p>Ad hoc JFC report</p>	<p>Finance committee will draft report to JFC, draft will go to full council for feedback, minimum 7 days to review, likely teleconference meeting to discuss and finalize, and possible storm damage: due Jan 1.</p>	<p>Motion by Steve to approve new trail ranking sheet as amended, Andy seconded. <u>Motion Passed</u> Note: Copy posted with minutes.</p>
<p>Council elections</p>	<p>Cathy ran the nomination and election process.</p> <p>Committees will be potentially changed in upcoming season.</p> <p>Note: New committee assignments are posted on the Council web page.</p>	<p>Dale nominate Bev Dittmar as Council chair. Second by Gary. Called thrice. Bob moved, second by Mike to close nominations and appoint Bev Dittmar Chair by unanimous ballot. <u>Motion Passed</u></p> <p>Bev moved, second by Jeff, to nominate Dale Vice Chair. Bob moved, second by Lee to close nominations and appoint Dale Vice Chair by unanimous ballot. <u>Motion Passed</u></p>
<p>Council Member Items</p>	<p>Dale: plaque for Larry Erickson, to be presented at fall workshop. Andy: finally starting to see the results of the trail pass Sam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stower 7 Lakes Trail there have been problems getting snowmobile back on, but a compromise has been presented and it looks like it's going to work. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Mounds: They're trying again to remove the snowmobile trail from the Master plan. The DNR has restarted the process which is good for us. When the hearings start, all snowmobilers are going to have to speak. • Contracts for state properties: a standard contract is nearly finished. All clubs will be getting the full \$300/mile. Language will be added regarding supplemental so it's clear that clubs are eligible for supplemental on state trails. • Badger Trail Friends Group sent out a communication urging their people to fill out a survey and vote against motorized on Stower Seven Lakes which isn't anywhere near their property. <p>Nancy: glad to see still have money for storm damage</p> <p>Dave: Wisconsin conservation congress has a part of spring hearing questions – now are holding meetings but not inviting AWSC or snow council. Should communicate and someone should attend the upcoming meeting on Sept 8.</p> <p>Note: This has been resolved. AWSC is now a part of these meetings.</p> <p>Gary: thanks to everyone for help, infrastructure is a big item, need to watch continuous maint of bridges</p> <p>Bev: thanks to everyone for confidence and support, and the crew that backs us.</p> <p>Jeff: wants to get process to get reduced price trail pass for dealers</p> <p>Mike: Two good productive days with Orv people and today. Several of us went to ISC and admin meeting, had a poster that illustrated safety sentiment.</p> <p>Bob: There's a lot of work among council and support staff, meetings are enjoyable</p> <p>Cathy: Robert's Rules refresher: before agreeing to be on a committee, agree to do the work. Also, if committee has met and done the work, the council members should respect their decision and work and either agree or disagree – no reason to rehash the same discussion.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Upcoming. TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VIP ride is Monday, Feb 11, 2019 – possible committee meetings after the ride on Monday with full Council meeting Tuesday 2/12 a.m. – Minocqua The Waters - Teleconference this fall (JFC draft)
Adjourn	<p>Motion to adjourn by Bob; second by Mike. <u>Motion Passed</u></p>