

**SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD****Monday, June 6, 2016**

Rib Mountain Municipal Building, Wausau, WI

<b>Presenter/ Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Key Points</b>	<b>Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments</b>
	<b>Call to Order</b>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chair, Andy Malecki.</p> <p><b>Members Present: Andy Malecki, Committee Chair;</b> Bev Dittmar, Council Chair; Larry Erickson, Council Vice-Chair; Tom Chwala, Gary Hilgendorf, Sam Landes, Dale Mayo, Steve Moran, <b>Absent:</b> Bob Lang</p> <p><b>Others Present:</b> Cathy Burrow, Jillian Steffes, Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, DNR; some county representatives, members of the public.</p>	
	<b>Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>		Dale Mayo moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Tom Chwala seconded. Motion passed.
	<b>Comments</b>	<p>Andy expressed appreciation that the paper copies of the projects were delivered several weeks prior to the meeting for review.</p> <p>Bev felt that reviewing projects ahead of time is good so the questions may be answered before the funding decisions, but the biggest issue is spending the limited funds wisely.</p>	
	<b>Citizen Participation</b>	Dave Peterson, AWSC Langlade County Director questioned the language in NR 50 regarding minimum trail width of 8 feet. His concern being that is not enough	

		<p>room for 2 snowmobiles to meet safely.</p> <p>Sam provided some history explaining the years ago, it wasn't allowed to widen trail grades and that's where the 8' minimum came from.</p> <p>It was also stated that 8' is a minimum, not a requirement.</p> <p>Dave also questioned the language stating trails may not be routed over bodies of water.</p> <p>Answer: Funded trails cannot go over water. They can terminate at a shore only if there is a parking lot or service there.</p> <p>Their association was denied reimbursement for an easement.</p> <p>Answer: That is an eligible expense but it's a County decision. The amount is limited by Administrative Code NR 50.09(4)(b)3.</p> <p>"The value of either a short term or long term easement, lease, permit or other agreement may be based on the rental rate of land. The value may be one percent per month of equalized or assessed valuation. An annual fee of 10 cents per rod may be paid if the assessed valuation procedure is not used."</p> <p>Gary mentioned his orientation binder, provide by Cathy upon his appointment, was really helpful and he felt all Council members would benefit from having one.</p>	<p>Action: Cathy will poll members offering the binder.</p>
	<p><b>DNR Report</b></p>	<p><b>SNARS</b> – In the future the Snowmobile Automated Reporting System will be referred to as SNARS.</p>	<p>SNARS Next steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation Planning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pilot Feedback meeting –</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

		<p>The sole source request is at DOA. Cathy was able to secure 50% funding from RTP administrative funds, the other 50% came from the snowmobile account as planned. The \$50,000 has been encumbered which means it has been set aside and is ear-marked for SNARS.</p> <p>We were able to pursue a sole source request because the Council had examined three different products and had a successful pilot with one of the companies.</p> <p>Feedback from Lincoln county: some of the people filling out the paperwork have been doing it for many years and may not have a computer.</p> <p><b>Trail Signing Handbook Update</b> – Nothing is going to change with the handbook until OHM is able to be incorporated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It's possible that DOT signing regulations will be pulled from the DNR signing handbook with a reference/link to the DOT regulations.</li> </ul> <p><b>DOT 1504 – Highway Crossing Permit</b> Sam informed the Council that AWCS is looking into the requirement for snowmobile trails to fill out this permit.</p> <p><b>Clarification – Bridge Ranking Tool</b> This need to be filled out by applicant's every time a bridge is involved in a project not just for bridge rehabs.</p> <p><b>Clarification – Reroute Ranking Tool</b> This needs to be filled out for all reroutes both mandatory &amp; discretionary.</p>	<p>this will involve discussing all issues encountered during the pilot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Making decisions on changes needed based on the feedback meeting.</li> <li>c. Implementing those changes</li> </ul> <p>2. Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Formulating a plan</li> <li>b. Implementing the plan</li> <li>c. Delivering training</li> </ul> <p>Link to: <a href="#">DOT 1504</a></p> <p>Link to <a href="#">Bridge Ranking</a></p> <p>Link to <a href="#">Trail Reroute Ranking</a></p>
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	<p><b>Review and recommendation for conflicting policy regarding bridge load funding limits vs. reimbursement of groomer equipment</b></p>	<p>Discussion regarding weight of current equipment and engineering of bridges, live load, train load, etc. Ag tractors with tires vs. tracks, etc.</p> <p>The issue of reimbursing for grooming equipment that is heavier (weighs more) than our maximum funded bridge can carry must be addressed. This is unsustainable moving forward.</p> <p>Andy asked about what we'd need to do to officially change it. Bridge guideline could be changed easily. Administrative code will need to be changed with currently takes 31 months; however variances to the code may be granted during that time.</p>	<p>Larry moved to gather more information from bridge engineers and bridge manufacturers regarding standards, bridge weight limits, costs, etc. Gary seconded. MOTION PASSED.</p> <p>Andy will organize this and see that a report is made at the August 21, committee meeting which should result in a recommendation to the full Council the next day.</p>
	<p><b>Review and recommendation on snowmobile grant applications involving bridges</b></p>	<p>Projects involving bridges were reviewed by the committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many projects were approved to proceed as is.</li> <li>- Some projects had outstanding questions, those projects will be approved/disapproved at the full council meeting provided those questions are answered.</li> <li>- RPT funding decisions will be made on July 20, 2016. At the SRC funding meeting, the council will know which of these projects will receive RTP funding.</li> </ul>	<p>The <a href="#">funding spreadsheet</a> is posted with the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If the Committee had unanswered questions, those questions are listed on the spreadsheet.</li> <li>- Those questions need to be answered in order for the Full Council to make a decision on recommending funding for these projects.</li> </ul> <p>Project #40 Washington county mandatory bridge reroute did have action taken as follows:</p> <p>Steve Moran moved to recommend not</p>

			<p>funding this project. Seconded by Larry Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Reasons state for not recommending funding were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost is excessive</li> <li>• Feels the bridge is being over-built</li> <li>• County's trails have not been open for at least 2 years</li> <li>• Snowmobile fund does not have excess money to fund this project</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Council Member Items</b></p>	<p>Groomer Rates may have a mistake in the drag weights. The original groomer rate subcommittee will confer and let Cathy know the final result.</p> <p>AWSC issues: (Sam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DNR shouldn't award grants involving any property that would include elimination of proposed or existing snowmobile trails, whether they are funded or club-provided.</li> <li>- Wetland regulations and their ramifications were discussed by the AWSC. While we understand that regulations exist, they need to be understandable to our volunteer members and more reasonable to meet/accomplish. We will ask the DNR to address these issues.</li> <li>- Pursuing the state property maintenance contracts. This needs to be a priority for the</li> </ul>	<p>Follow-up: there was a mistake in the drag weights, this has been fixed and has been updated on the web page.</p> <p>Link to: <a href="#">Updated Grooming Rate Sheet</a></p>

		<p>upcoming season.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blue Mounds State Park: there is pending legal action on the Blue Mounds decision. Everything is on hold until this is resolved. This affects all new trails, not just the snowmobile trail.</li> </ul> <p>Larry – Issue of equipment weights needs to be followed up on. Most of the requests we reviewed are in order.</p> <p>Dale – CSSs doing good job, counties seem to understand what Council is asking. Need for GPS is clear.</p> <p>Gary – Concern with the bridges, where do we stop and start. We won't be able to sustain this going down the road.</p>	
	<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>		<p>Sam move to adjourn. Second by Bev. Motion passed.</p>