

SNOWMOBILE RECREATION COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015

Teleconference, Public Meeting Room: 205, GEF2, Madison, WI

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
	Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Bev Dittmar, Larry Erickson, Tom Chwala, Dave Newman, Lee Van Zeeland, Michele Voight, Bob Lang, Gary Hilgendorf, Sam Landes, Andy Malecki, Dale Mayo, Steve Moran, Dan Timmerman, Mike Holden and Matt Harter</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Gary Eddy, Jillian Steffes, Diane Conklin, Walt Ebersohl, DNR Customer Service Specialists, county coordinators and members of the public.</p>	Phone conference was called to order at: 1:08 p.m.
	Comments	<p>Bev: Got started so this doesn't drag on too long. Larry: No comments at this time.</p>	
	Citizen Participation	<p>AWSC: Deferred until later.</p> <p>Public: None.</p>	
	Storm Damage Funding Requests	<p>There is about \$54K in the reserve to spend, so funding the storm damage requests will not impact the supplemental reserve.</p> <p>Eau Claire County – Allen Bridge: Josh, this bridge is located over one of the creeks that is typically a low flow creek that has never had an issue. Received 6-7" of rain in a short span, bridge was lifted and moved about 40" downstream. Previous design was a mud sill, pinned in with rebar. Would like to reset the bridge, put some piling in with concrete abutments and anchor the bridge back down. Would like to get it done this fall, before the season.</p> <p>Trempealeau County – near buffalo River Trail: Found more storm damage since but are going to</p>	<p>Sam moved to accept and recommend funding the Eau Claire County request at \$19,750. Larry seconded. <u>Motion passed.</u></p> <p>Andy moved to accept and recommend funding the Pierce County request at \$12,469. Mike seconded. <u>Motion passed.</u></p> <p>Dale moved to accept and recommend funding the Trempealeau County request at \$6,260.</p>

		take that out of their maintenance.	Gary seconded. <u>Motion carried.</u>
Washington County Bridge	<p>Discussion regarding the agreement in place that requires mutual agreement in order to cancel the snowmobile's use of the trail.</p> <p>Sam explained that the bridge goes through the center of the city, snowmobilers worry that they will get shut off with no notice and it will be a "right now" problem.</p> <p>Concern that it's a lot of money for one bridge and the Council has to look out for the entire state.</p> <p>Jay Shambeau, Washington County was asked if it was correct that West Bend said 5 years won't be a problem. Correct. They also sent a copy of the agreement that requires mutual termination? Correct.</p>		Sam moved to award the originally agreed upon Washington County grant application provided a signed 5 year agreement with the City of West Bend is provided. Andy seconded. <u>Motion passed.</u>
DNR Report	<p>A sub-committee of the ORV Council (Bryan Much, Jim Wisneski, and Rob McConnell) has been chosen to meet with a Snowmobile subcommittee on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge standards • Cost share percentages • Trail signing handbook <p>This meeting will take place early in 2016.</p> <p>State land for sale: We turned 9 parcels in 7 counties (Clark, Florence, Fond du Lac, Oneida, Vilas Waushara and Langlade) with snowmobile and/or ATV trails on them to our Facilities & Lands Bureau who would be negotiating the terms of any land sales. If these sales go through permanent easements for the trails will be attached to the deeds and the counties will receive copies.</p> <p>Audit Subcommittee Report: The subcommittee met on Sept. 17 at the Park Falls office, they looked at 5 non-supplemental claims.</p>		<p>Audit subcommittee recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The council continue the audit subcommittee to review 10 claims per year (2 from each region) with an emphasis on non-supplemental claims. 2. The Council make a recommendation to the DNR to put a priority on field work and trail inspections. CSSs may need to view project application sites/locations. They need to inspect completed work and need to meet with clubs/alliances/counties, train new county coordinators, etc. This is needed not only for snowmobile projects but other motorized funding sources that we partner with ATV & motorized RTP. 3. The Council recommend the DNR require counties to GPS their trails and clearly mark their funded/non-funded trail miles and further recommend that future funding be contingent upon completion.

		<p>They felt it was definitely educational for them and would like the committee to continue. They had 3 recommendations to the full council and a list of findings that the Council decided to discuss in further details.</p> <p>Signing Handbook: Gary spoke of separating the signing handbook, resulting in one for ATV and one for Snowmobile trails.</p> <p>Question for Gary: Have you heard any more from DOT on that 40' rule? Gary's still waiting for them to reach out to their various bureaus and then hopefully they will put forth a recommendation for resolving this issue, which could include statute/code changes.</p> <p>They provided a list but Gary couldn't interpret it, it was not a big list of trails in violation.</p>	<p>Dave moved to approve recommendations to the Council and forward to CSSs for distribution to the counties. Gary seconded.</p> <p>Dave amended his motion to remove the 2 year deadline for completion of the GPS project but leave "...future funding contingent upon completion." in the motion. Gary seconded.</p> <p>Amendment motion passed. Original motion as amended passed.</p> <p>At the joint meeting next spring between members of the ORV & Snowmobile Councils, they will discuss the idea of separating the signing the handbook or leaving it as one.</p> <p>Andy will compile the suggested changes to the signing handbook to access the suggested changes and will proceed from there.</p>
	<p>Member Items</p>	<p>Sam: Bike path crossing of roadways in Jefferson County. County Coordinator is interpreting that crossing the bike trail is use of it. In the past, this hasn't been viewed as a use of the trail; it's simply been viewed as a crossing and not a use.</p> <p>Dale: Vilas is participating in the automated reporting system pilot. There was a bit of resistance but he sat down with them and it's not at all intimidating. Things are going well.</p> <p>Gary: Lincoln County has everything going well.</p> <p>Jackson County and Marathon are the other 2 counties reporting.</p>	

	Adjourn		Andy moved to adjourn, Mike seconded. <u>Motion passed.</u>
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