

Off-Highway Motorcycle Council - May 7, 2019

Glacier's Edge Conference Room, DNR Fitchburg Office, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, Wisconsin

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Bryan Much, Chair; Rob McConnell, Vice-Chair</p> <p><i>Members Present via Phone:</i> Mitch Winder, Kira Benkert, Craig Johnson</p> <p><i>Others Present:</i> Cathy Burrow, Kurt Byfield – DNR</p> <p><i>Others Present via phone:</i> Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, Ed Slaminski, Katie Simonsen, Jillian Steffes - DNR Members of the public</p>	Called to order at 2:02 p.m.
1. Introductions		
2. Approval of Previous Meeting minutes (12/18/18)		Rob moved to approve the minutes of the 12/18/18 meeting. Second by Kira. Motion passed.
3. Elections	<p>Nominations for chair: Bryan Much</p> <p>Vice Chair: Rob McConnell</p>	<p>Rob moved to nominate Bryan Much as Chair, second by Craig.</p> <p>Rob moved to close ballot and unanimously elect Bryan for chair, second by Craig. Motion passed.</p> <p>Bryan moved to nominate Rob McConnell as Vice-Chair, second by Kira.</p> <p>Bryan moved to close ballot and unanimously elect Rob as Vice-Chair, second by Kira. Motion passed.</p>
4. Chair Report	The administrative code that will compliment the OHM program is still in development in accordance with the prescribed timeline. This is an ongoing project with the council, so no specific update is required today.	

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	<p>Today we are considering some grant applications related to the OHM sticker funds that are currently available to us. This turned out to be a short notice effort in a program that is not yet fully developed so we'll need to exercise some flexibility as we do our work. Wisely investing some of our funds can create and sustain opportunities that will grow the program resulting in increased revenue. More money going forward can fund more aspects of the program.</p> <p>I ask each council member to carefully consider where we are at today and what things we can afford to do to build the program at this important early stage. As I mentioned, the program is not yet complete so there are things that aren't worked out or questions that we don't have answers for today. We know what the issues are. In the end we'll get it worked out. More features will be coming to the program as we work out the administrative code.</p> <p>The choices we make today are made under the unusual circumstances of our having to operate under an incomplete program. Actions we take today are not intended to be considered as a precedent. A percentage that we may or may not use is not intended to be regraded as an established method. Due to the short notice, not every proposal will be as thoroughly developed as it might be under other circumstances.</p> <p>Thoughtful actions now can improve opportunities to build on for the future. As the program develops, we will be able to do more over time with increasing revenue.</p> <p>I ask for everyone's patience as we work to flesh out the program. If we could do it faster we would, but we are tied to a structured process. We know what the issues are and in the end, we'll get it all worked out.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and understanding as we work through the process.</p>	
<p>5. DNR representative matters</p>	<p>Cathy –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$55k to award to development projects today. Without a completed administrative code, the specifics within priority categories have not been established. We will follow, the general priorities assigned in s. 23.335(20), Wis. Stats. • Established priority is OHM use only first and then shared used projects. Therefore, that is how the projects are listed on the funding spreadsheet. 	
<p>6. Action Item: review OHM grant application and make funding recommendations</p>	<p>#1 – Phase 2 Conover OHM Trail System Single-track motorcycle trail in Vilas County.</p> <p>#2 – Phase 3 Conover OHM Trail System Prefer to consider this phase of the project next year, allowing the county to apply for RTP as well. Additionally, focusing the awards today on</p>	<p>Rob moved to recommend funding \$4,355 to Vilas County, second by Craig. Motion passed.</p> <p>Rob moved to defer until next year, second by Kira. Motion passed.</p>

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	<p>putting more trails on the ground now.</p> <p>#3 – Clark County, Knobby Ridge Trail This is an old trail system that probably wasn't properly laid out to begin with. Part of it is currently closed. Rehab is a need.</p> <p>#4 – Town of Rome, Dyracuse Recreational Park This is trials course which we currently do not have in WI. A trials course is an attractive opportunity among the riding community. It would bring increased tourism and OHM registration revenue.</p> <p>Discussion deferred until the complete application list has been examined.</p> <p>#5 – Tigerton – Embarrass River ATV Park Establishing a new trail in a Rec. Park provides a new riding opportunity. It will serve the Fox Valley area and compliment what's happening in Vilas County. recreational</p> <p>#6- DNR Richard Bong State Recreation Area (SRA) Bypass trail and sustain the multi-use trail. Fence is questionable and not required at this point. \$9423 (without fence). Need consistent signage with national standards.</p> <p>#7 Polk County – Sawmill Trail Gravel is not an ideal surface for OHM riders. Currently, there aren't enough funds available to contribute to this shared use trail.</p> <p>#8 – Taylor County – Perkinstown Trail At this point, the program isn't ready to fund a</p>	<p>Discussion: we pay 2/3 maybe they get 1/3 in kind. Single tracked trails with sticker fee (agenda item for the future). (if they receive a grant this year, they can't collect fees next year).</p> <p>Mitch moved to recommend funding \$6,000 to Clark County, second by Craig. Motion passed.</p> <p>Rob moved to recommend funding \$5,765 to the Embarrass River Rec. Park, second by Kira. Motion passed.</p> <p>Rob moved to recommend funding \$8,674 to Richard Bong SRA for everything except the fence and a requirement that the signs purchase must meet the current standard, second by Craig. Motion passed.</p> <p>Rob move to recommend not funding this application, second by Kira. Motion passed.</p> <p>Kira moved to recommend not funding this application, second by Rob. Motion passed.</p>

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	<p>per mile maintenance amount. This will be addressed in the administrative code currently under development: NR 65.</p> <p>#9 – Kewaunee – Riverview ATV Park There are OHM riders who enjoy this park, but OHM does not have sufficient funds available to fund half of this project.</p> <p>#10 – Kewaunee – Riverview ATV Park Shelter It was restated that the Council is focused on providing more riding opportunities during this grant cycle.</p> <p>Revisit - #4 – Town of Rome Dyracuse Intense Use Area</p> <p>Rob – thanked all applicants for getting these in on such short notice.</p>	<p>Rob moved to recommend funding \$3,000 to Kewaunee ATV Park, second by Mitch. Motion passed.</p> <p>Kira moved to recommend not funding this application, second by Mitch. Motion passed.</p> <p>Motion by Craig to recommend awarding the balance of the funds (\$27,206) to Dyracuse, second by Kira. Motion Passed.</p>
7. Public Comment	<p>Annie – Inquired about the prohibition on collecting user fees?</p> <p>OHM registration is a Wisconsin requirement and revenues are being collected.</p>	<p>That prohibition applies the year after a grantee receives an OHM grant award.</p> <p>The program is not offering maintenance agreements at this time, because NR 65, Wis. Admin. Code is not complete. However, the current award amounts are more valuable than the local sticker amounts.</p>
8. Council Member Items	<p>Craig – Was able to visit other state’s trails and noticed the difference in attitude (positive) some small towns have toward OHM use.</p> <p>Mitch – We need more trails.</p> <p>Kira – Getting ideas of other state trails</p> <p>Rob – Glad to have an official meeting. Next meeting hopefully a face to face.</p> <p>Bryan – Appreciate everyone on the phone, making themselves available.</p>	

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	Cathy – Checked with the Governor’s Appointment Secretary and suggested leaving the council membership the same for a few years despite expiring appointments. At least until after the administrative code is completed. She believes the reappointments will happen and will update the Council if the stance changes.	
9. Other matters that may come before the council	None	
10. Adjourn		Kira moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. Second by Rob. Motion passed.