



## Snowmobile Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

via Zoom

**Council Members Present:** Dale Mayo – Chair, Bob Lang – Vice Chair, Lynsey Burzinski, Abby Haas, Gary Hilgendorf, Mike Holden, Joel Enking, Sam Landes, Andy Malecki, Don Mrotek, Sue Smedegard, Holly Tomlanovich

**DNR staff attendance:** Jillian Steffes, Chris Halbur, Pat Anderson, Kurt Byfield, Jeremy Holtz, Annie Loechler, Jeff Pennucci

**Public attendance:** Dave Kafura (WCFA), Brent Sisko, Clint Meyer, Drew Koenigs, Eric Peterson, Gary Wagner, Max Blackbourn, Nate Beaver, Pat Daoust, Rod Polk

#### 1. Call to order immediately following the Infrastructure Committee Meeting

#### 2. Chair and Vice Chair Comments

- **Dale Mayo** – None
- **Bob Lang** – Let's try this ranking, and re-work it as needed. Encourage counties to get into the routine of bridge inspections.

#### 3. Public Participation

- None

#### 4. DNR Report

- **Jillian Steffes – DNR Grants Report**
- We will be meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> in Arbor Vitae, DNR will give a comprehensive report at this time. The focus of this meeting is to finalize the ranking tools so they can be published ASAP in advance of the April 15<sup>th</sup> grant application deadline.

#### 5. Reports of Infrastructure Committee

- See Jan 16<sup>th</sup> infrastructure committee minutes

#### 6. ACTION ITEM: Action on recommendations arising from committee reports.

##### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MOTIONS

**Recommend to the Council to adopt the revised Bridge Ranking Tool.**

**Motion Passed.**

**Recommend to the Council to adopt the proposed changes to the Reroute Ranking Tool.**

**Motion Passed.**

- Council also recommends that the Department allow for counties to submit the (optional) bridge inspection reports by August 1 to earn those points.

#### 7. ACTION ITEM: Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications

- Cost increase request submitted by Tri-County Trail Commission to increase- their grant by \$39,500. Original project estimate was for an undersized bridge. Tri-County is hiring a certified bridge inspector moving

forward so this doesn't happen again. Council asks if they can see the bridge inspection report. Pat Daoust (Tri-Co) agrees that he will try to get that report finalized and delivered to the Council.

**Motion to table this cost increase request until inspection report is provided by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary.  
MOTION PASSED**

#### **8. Committee member items**

- Dale – Upcoming Council meeting Feb 8<sup>th</sup>, the groomer show is in St Germain Feb 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.
- Sam – Several State Trail bridges in need of major repair (Military Ridge, Tuscobia, Buffalo ST. Governor's Budget include a request for funding in the state budget. The Hwy 53 Bridge in Trego is also becoming an issue.
- Mike – Lots of good snow in the south and east, clubs are busy grooming.
- Sue – Only 2-3 inches of snow in Burnett
- Gary – Not much snow, soft swamps, and next week's forecast is warm and rainy
- Andy – Marinette is partially open

#### **9. Adjourn**

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