

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

June 13, 2017

Conference Room at the Comfort Inn & Suites, Stevens Point, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
<p>1. Call to Order</p>	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Chair; Bryan Much, Vice-Chair; Adam Harden; Ernie Pulvermacher; Dave Traczyk; Bobby Donahue</p> <p>Absent: Jim Wisneski</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes, Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, DNR; members of the public</p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m.</p> <p>The meeting was moved from Schmeeckle Reserve because of a power outage due to the severe weather on Monday night. Signs to notify the public were displayed at Schmeeckle and their staff was also informed of the change of venue.</p> <p>Introductions around the room were made.</p>
<p>2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>		<p>Bryan Much moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, second by Ernie Pulvermacher. Motion Passed Unanimously.</p>
<p>3. Agenda Repair</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>4. Chair Report</p>	<p>Rob deferred until the items were reached on the agenda.</p>	
<p>5. Department Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Trail Guidance - The DNR has created a team to create trail guidance for all types of recreation. The team will consist of DNR staff representing grants, parks, forestry, wetland and stormwater both central office and field. It's being sponsored by Deputy Division Administrators for the Business & External Services Division and the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Division. • Infrastructure Committee of the Snowmobile Recreation Council (SRC) meeting • Nomination process – Cathy explained that due to increased workload and staff shortages that she would not be able to work on revising the Council nomination/appointment project that the Governor's Appointments Direction has already said is welcome. • Bad River development grant - Ed gave an update on the Bad River Tribe development grant. He's had some difficulty making contact; he's planning a site visit before the August meeting. 	<p>The current budget shows \$410,000 remaining from the '16-17 season. This surplus is due to storm damage being less than anticipated in some areas and that not all storm damage has been awarded. The counties have had a much more difficult time working with FEMA than in past years.</p> <p>The first trail guidance the team will focus on is ATV/UTV. Our partners including councils, statewide user groups, statewide associations, professional organizations, counties, etc. will be included in the process.</p> <p>The Infrastructure Committee of the SRC will write an issue brief on the Bridge Load issue and share that with the ORVC. A joint meeting will be arranged after the August funding meetings to address this and any other joint issues. Bryan Much is going to take the lead on getting that process updated and amended.</p> <p>Bad River development grant – if significant progress has not been made on Phase 1, the Council may want to consider releasing the funds set aside for Phase 2 until they are ready to proceed.</p>

<p>6. Dead Horse Trail meeting report</p>	<p>A meeting was held in April with DNR Grants Staff, DNR Water Reg Staff, ORVC Members Rob & Bryan, and USFS members.</p> <p>The original plan called for a trail to be built with boardwalks constructed to span the wetlands. The project was completed in segments without the boardwalks. Now the USFS doesn't want to construct boardwalks for several reasons. Various options were discussed.</p>	<p>The project salvages much of the work and money that has already gone into it. It was too late in their fiscal year to start the process but it will be on their project list for the next year, we were told.</p> <p>We expect to have an update for the August funding meeting.</p>
<p>7. Regional Opportunities Analysis (ROA) update</p>	<p>Meetings continue, they are collecting user information from user groups and associations regionally for feedback regarding recreation properties statewide.</p> <p>Results will be used to help create and update Master Plans on DNR owned/managed properties.</p>	
<p>8. ATV, UTV & Trout Application Review</p>		<p>Dave Traczyk moved to amend ATV35237 (scope and cost) to purchase an additional 80 acres at Dyracuse Intense Use Park. Second by Adam Harden. Motion Passed Unanimously.</p> <p>Bryan Much moved to amend ATV3524 (scope & cost) increasing the amount by \$19,752 to a total of \$69,894.71. Second by Adam Harden. Motion Passed Unanimously.</p> <p>Bryan Much moved to recommend funding storm damage in Oconto Co. for an amount up to \$27,500 with proper documentation. Second by Bobby Donahue. Motion Passed Unanimously.</p> <p>NOTE: The county will be required to document the damage, provide an estimate or documentation of repair work and explain why the work couldn't be performed using regular maintenance funds.</p>
<p>9. Trail/Grant Issues</p>	<p>2017-18 projects were reviewed by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many projects required no additional data. - Some projects had outstanding questions, those projects will be considered at the August meeting, provided those questions/requests are addressed. <p>RTP funding decisions will be made in July so will be known by the time of the August funding meeting.</p>	<p>The funding spreadsheet is posted with the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If the Committee had unanswered questions, those questions are listed on the spreadsheet. - Those questions need to be answered in order for the Full Council to make a decision on recommending funding for these projects. <p>There was an extended discussion regarding cost share splits between ORVC & SRC. In the end, no determination</p>

		<p>was made but the council did indicate their intention to fund certain projects at other than 50% for several specific applications. Those are noted on the funding spreadsheet.</p> <p>Note: the following motions relate only to the cost share amount of funding. These motions will be considered for funding recommendations at the August meeting.</p> <p>Projects #13, 14, & 15 Marathon County – Ernie Pulvermacher moved to consider a 75/25 split on projects #13, 14 & 15 on the spreadsheet. All are Marathon County projects. Second by Bryan Much. 3 Ayes, 2 Nos, Motion Passed.</p> <p>Project #17 Washburn County – Ernie Pulvermacher moved to consider funding ½ of the 14,000 bridge load (dependent on RTP funding) not to exceed \$53,375. Motion Passed.</p> <p>Project #32 Vilas County – Bryan Much moved to consider funding 75% of project (less RTP if received) at the 14,000 bridge load cost. Second by Adam Harden. Motion Passed.</p>
<p>10. Council members' matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernie echoed Bobby's thoughts from earlier in the meeting regarding the fact that machines are getting larger and heavier and the Council needs to keep that in mind when making decisions. • Bryan shared that Minnesota has passed legislation providing for reciprocity for off-highway vehicle registrations with other states that offer the same. • Bryan also listed the items the Council will need to focus on after the funding meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridge load funding levels ○ Winter-only trail funding ○ Offer information to grant applicants about the effect of including additional sources of funds as appropriate for projects instead of solely seeking ATV funds especially where other trail uses are involved. 	
<p>11. Public Comments</p>	<p>Adam gave a WATVA update on the proposed Safety Enhancement Contract that has now been inserted into the budget and the Trail Ambassador program.</p>	
<p>12. Housekeeping and wrap-up</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at Dale's Weston Lanes & Mountain View Conference Center in Weston, WI</p>	
<p>11. Adjourn</p>	<p>Ernie Pulvermacher moved to adjourn, second by Bobby Donahue. Motion Passed Unanimously.</p>	