

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ADVISORY COUNCIL AGENDA & RECORD

August 22, 2017

Mountain Bay Conference Center & Weston Lanes, Weston, WI

Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
Call to Order	<p>Members Present: Rob McConnell, Chair; Bryan Much, Vice Chair; Adam Harden, Ernie Pulvermacher, Bobby Donahue, Jim Wisneski, Dave Traczyk</p> <p>Others Present: Cathy Burrow, Liaison, Gary Eddy, LE Liaison, Ed Slaminski, Ann Loechler, Faith Murray, Jillian Steffes – DNR Staff, members of the public and project sponsors.</p>	<p>Meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM Introductions of council members occurred. The members of the public introduced themselves as well.</p>
Acceptance of Previous Meeting		<p>Motion by Bryan to approve minutes as written. Second by Adam. <u>Motion passed.</u></p>
Agenda Repair	None.	
Chair Comments	<p>Chair: Rob shared correspondence that he has received regarding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravel on trails • Riding experience • Rusk County Draft Forest Access Plan <p>The Council will be pursuing the idea of more local and other funding sources for some types of projects. 100% ATV program funding may not be appropriate for some initiatives.</p> <p>Vice Chair: Winter trail funding is an issue that needs to be pursued. As it stands today, there is no reliable way to measure winter ATV use to ensure that winter ATV costs are properly accounted for. A winter trail pass is being considered as a means to provide for proper and accurate winter ATV funding.</p> <p>Since we had some funds unexpectedly returned to the program, we need to apply those funds to replacing some of our worst bridges in the next funding cycle.</p> <p>As we consider what the capacity of what a particular bridge should be, we need to consider other bridges that</p>	

	<p>can limit the capacity of the trail system or a portion of the trail system. We also need to enforce weight limits on existing bridges so that we are not ruining bridges by overloading them with equipment that exceeds their capacities.</p>	
<p>Department Reports</p>	<p>LE/Safety: Gary Eddy reported that there were currently 16 ATV/UTV fatalities. Last season at this time we were at 14. Fifteen of the victims were not wearing helmets. Ten of the crashes occurred on public roads, 8 involved alcohol and/or drugs and 7 involved speed. Four occurred on private property, one on a frozen waterway. None of the current fatal crashes occurred on a public trail.</p> <p>Grants: Handouts included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional documentation on specific projects. • Storm damage application for Jackson County: \$36,740.40 • Updated rates approved by the Snowmobile Council <p>Note: available on the ATV/UTV Grants page: http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/documents/EquipandLaborRates_17-18.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget information/Financial Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$5,000,000 available to award for grant applications • Updated grant application spreadsheet <p>Ed explained where the Northern Lights trail project is at. He did a site visit with tribal representatives. It turns out the abutments thought to be damaged beyond repair in last year's flood, may be usable. Now the tribe chose to turn back the Phase two money, making it available for other projects. They will continue to work on phase one and come back to request additional funds when they are ready to begin phase two.</p> <p>Dead Horse trail update – USFS has crews out fighting forest fires, so the Dead Horse is on the back burner. Next year they will follow through on the recommendations</p>	<p>Dave moved to adopt the 2017-18 season rates as updated by the snowmobile council. This include raising the labor rate from \$6.50 to \$8.00 per hour. Second by Jim. <u>Motion Passed.</u></p>

	<p>and discussion from the Minocqua meeting. They are committed to working on a jointly agreeable solution.</p>	
<p>Storm damage request – process/policy development</p>	<p>The DNR Grants team will create a draft application process for storm damage requests to ensure that such requests provide uniform information and are considered by the Council in a prescribed manner.</p> <p>The council will be able to consider the draft process at their next meeting and act to change and/or adopt it as applicable.</p>	
<p>Application review and funding recommendations</p>		<p>Amendments: ATV-3223 Burnett Co. request for additional funds to cover higher than anticipated costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Bryan to approve at \$3,048, Bobby second. <u>Motion carried.</u> <p>ATV-3382 Chippewa Co. request for additional funds to cover additional costs for this project. It was 4 bridge sites and one of them will now required 2 bridges. This is the only grant request for Chippewa county this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Bryan to approve at \$143,800 without setting a 20K bridge load precedent. Second by Jim. <u>Motion carried</u> <p>ATV-3362 Oneida Co. request for additional funds to finish the Enterprise ATV gravel resurfacing project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by Bryan to approve at \$22,000. Second by Bobby. <u>Motion carried.</u> <p>ATV Bridge/Trail Rehabilitation Requests: #01. Vilas County rehab 2.1 miles CTH K to Conover: \$9,300 #02. Florence Co. Menominee River bridge: \$217,478 (Split with State of Michigan, RTP: \$45,000, ATV: same) #03. Vilas Co. bridge rehab Corridor 12 & 8: \$9,863 (Split with snow)</p>

		<p>#04. Price Co. rehab boardwalks on Solberg ATV trail: \$83,129</p> <p>#05. Langlade Co. replace failed culverts on 5 Corners trail: \$6,740.50 (Split with snow)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve at \$6,741. Second by Dave. <u>Motion passed</u> with 4 yes, 3 no votes. <p>#06. Taylor Co. bridge on the Little Black River: \$50,750 (Split with snow)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve at \$50,750. Second by Bobby. <u>Motion passed</u> with 4 yes, 3 no votes. <p>#07. Taylor Co. rehab .9 miles of Camp 8 trail: \$11,094 (RTP: 50%)</p> <p>#08. Oconto Co. replace wood deck with concrete bridge #26 on Nicolet ST: \$2,250 (RTP: 50%, Snow: 25%)</p> <p>#09. Oconto Co. replace wood deck with concrete bridge #26b on Nicolet ST: \$3,250 (RTP: 50%, Snow: 25%)</p> <p>#10. Oconto Co. replace boardwalk on county land: \$35,000 (RTP: 50%)</p> <p>#11. Jackson Co. rehab 7 segments of the Oak Ridge Trail: \$57,758</p> <p>#12. Jackson Co. rehab 2 sections after pipeline installation: \$17,838</p> <p>#13. Marathon Co. replace Little Eau Pleine River trib. bridge #1 on Corridor 23: \$35,650</p> <p>#14. Marathon Co. replace Little Eau Pleine River trib. bridge #2 on Corridor 23: \$17,410</p>
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		<p>(RTP: \$17,280)</p> <p>#15. Marathon Co. new bridge over Randall Creek: \$36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to fund #13, 14, & 15 as submitted. Second by Bobby. <u>Motion failed</u> with 3 yes, 4 no votes. • Ernie moved to recommend funding #13, 14, & 15 at 50% of the 14k bridge load. <u>Motion passed</u> with 4 yes, 2 no votes. <p>(Note: This leaves a deficit of \$2,850 for #13, \$2,750 for #14. Project #15 was not funded by Snow as it was placed in the new bridge category.)</p> <p>#16. Burnett Co. rehab .6 miles of Trail 121: \$9,790</p> <p>#17. Washburn Co. replace Spring Creek bridge: \$40,553 (RTP funded \$45,000, ORVC funded \$40,533)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve at \$40,553. Second by Dave. <u>Motion passed</u> with 4 yes, 2 no votes. <p>#18. Tri-County Corridor rehab 7.5 miles from Moccasin Mike Road to Hwy U.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ernie moved to recommend not funding this project. Second by Adam. <u>Motion passed</u> with 4 yes, 2 no votes. <p>Note: Reason given that Tri-County should seek RTP funds to help defray the cost of the trail. In addition, the documentation didn't show that the condition of the trail required rehabilitation.</p> <p>#19. Sawyer Co. to rehab 3.3 miles of the Tuscobia Trail from Schrock to HWY C: \$47,460</p> <p>#20. Sawyer Co. to rehab 1.35 miles of the Tuscobia Trail from Jos. Chafer to Hofer Road: \$19,550.</p> <p>#21. Barron Co. to rehab 11 miles of trail from Turtle Lake to Cumberland: \$151,715</p>
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- Jim moved to recommend funding for all the bridge/trail rehab projects unless otherwise noted. Second by Bobby. Motion Passed

ATV Mandatory Relocation Requests:

#22. Iron Co. relocate Trail 17 near Cramer Lake and Pine Lake due to loss of easement: \$80,357

- Bryan moved to approve at \$80,357, second by Jim. Motion Passed

ATV New Year-Round Trail Requests:

#23. Forest Co. Phase 2 of the Hwy 8 trail connecting Crandon to the Oneida County line.

- Bryan moved to not recommend funding, second by Adam. Motion Passed

Reason: There is a go-around option and no support from the Snowmobile Council.

Note: SRC did not fund because they do not fund rehabs simply to accommodate grooming equipment.

#24. Taylor Co. to develop 1.55 miles of the Perkinstown system: \$47,403.

#25. Jackson Co. to partner with Ho-Chunk Nation and develop 3.1 miles of trail to the BRF casino: \$63,291

Note: Ho-Chunk Nation is investing significant money into this project, including a box culvert under HWY 54.

#26. Juneau Co. to develop 2 miles: \$11,000

- Bryan moved to recommend funding for all the new year-round trail requests unless otherwise noted. Second by Jim. Motion Passed

		<p>ATV Troute Requests:</p> <p>#27. Vilas Co. to maintain 11.7 miles from a connection from Eagle River to St. Germain (related to #31): \$3,337</p> <p>#28A. Oconto Co. to add 4.19 miles of new troute on USFS roads: \$1,092</p> <p>#29. Burnett Co. 1 mile of new troute: \$285.19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to recommend funding for all Troute requests. Second by Ernie. <u>Motion Passed</u> <p>ATV New Summer Trail Requests:</p> <p>#30. Vilas Co. 1.1 mile in Arbor Vitae: \$2,370</p> <p>#31. Vilas Co. 1.1 mile of trail for a connection from eagle River to St. Germain (related to #29): \$770</p> <p>#32. Vilas Co. 4.5 mile of trail to connect the Conover system with the Torch Lake Campground: \$110,050 (Snow: 50%)</p> <p>#33. Vilas Co. to develop .8 miles of trail along CTH K in Conover: \$4,530</p> <p>#34. Vilas Co. 1.8 miles connecting Heart Lake Road to Rummels Road: \$1,260</p> <p>#35. Vilas Co. 1.5 miles from Land O' Lakes to Conover: \$2,650</p> <p>#36. Rusk Co. 0.1 mile trail from Perch Lake Campground to a route (related to #62): \$19,493 Note: The Council deferred action on this project until #62 was discussed. At that time it was recommended for funding.</p> <p>#37. Barron Co. 2.3 miles Narrow Gauge ATV Trail: \$97,022</p>
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		<p>\$3,400.</p> <p>#45. Douglas Co. to produce 10,000 SUMMER ATV maps: \$3,400.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryan moved to recommend funding for all ATV map requests. Second by Adam. <u>Motion Passed</u> <p>ATV New Winter Trail Requests:</p> <p>#46. Lincoln Co. GPS mapping adds 5.6 miles: \$560</p> <p>#47. Lincoln Co. 11.3 miles: 9 on Corridor 15 and 2.3 on Vascheau Trail: \$1,130</p> <p>#48. Taylor Co. 30.8 miles on 4 segments of trail: \$3,080</p> <p>#50. Clark Co. 3.14 miles connecting Taylor County to Clark County Forest Trail: \$314</p> <p>#51. Marathon Co. 2 miles on the Eau Pleine Connector Trail: \$200</p> <p>#52. Marathon Co. 2.1 miles on the Kelly Connector Trail: \$210</p> <p>#53. Marathon Co. 5.1 miles on Marshfield Trail: \$510</p> <p>#54. Marathon Co. 1.5 miles on Poniatowski Connector Trail: \$150</p> <p>#55. Douglas Co. 4.1 miles on Trail 235: \$410</p> <p>#56. Burnett Co. 1.8 miles on Trail 6: \$180</p> <p>#57. Burnett Co. 2.5 miles on Gandy Dancer: \$250</p> <p>#58. Polk Co. 29 miles on Gandy Dancer: \$2,900</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bryan moved to approve all the new winter mile requests, second by Bobby. <u>Motion Passed</u>
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ATV New Support Requests:

#59. Vilas Co. to further develop the Torch Lake Campground (Phase 2): \$256,205

- Bryan moved to fund up to the full amount \$256,205 if a Motorized Stewardship (MS) grant is not offered. If so, the Council would recommend funding the difference between the full amount and the MS offer. Second by Ernie. Motion Passed

Note: Vilas County was subsequently offered a Motorized Stewardship grant in the full amount of \$256,205.

#60. Douglas Co. to construct a privy on the Gandy Dancer at the intersection of Trails 4 and 43; \$17,436

- Bryan moved to approve, second by Jim. Motion Passed

#61. Burnett Co. Danbury Campground Phase 1: \$75,800

- Bryan moved to approve with no guarantee of future funding, second by Jim. Motion Passed

#62. Rusk Co. to further develop the Perch Lake Campground by making it ATV accessible: \$167,520

- Bryan moved to approve, second by Dave. Motion Passed

#63. City of Shell Lake: Shell Lake campground to complete Phase 1 and 2: \$329,635

- Bryan moved to approve, second by Dave. Motion Passed

#64. Town of Ojibwa to improve the Ojibwa Park Campground: \$31,174

- Bryan moved to approve, second by Jim. Motion Passed with 4 yes and 2 no votes.

		<p>#65. Washburn Co. to develop the Fenander rest area: \$38,790</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve, second by Ernie. <u>Motion Passed</u> <p>#66. Washburn Co. to develop ATV parking on the Stony Brook Trail: \$9,100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve, second by Adam. <u>Motion Passed</u> <p>#49. City of Gillett to develop a trailhead near the Nicolet State Trail: \$88,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve, second by Bobby. <u>Motion Passed</u> <p>ATV Acquisition Requests:</p> <p>#67. Bayfield Co. to purchase 5 acres of land in the Town of Barnes to secure ATV trail: \$12,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan moved to approve, second by Jim. <u>Motion Passed</u> with 4 yes and 1 note vote.
	<p>Cathy asked the Council's preference on hearing storm damage requests.</p> <p>Two new storm damage requests:</p> <p>Jackson County: \$36,740.40 Vilas county: \$10,630.50</p>	<p>They Council wants to be responsive to storm damage requests and that's why they set aside money.</p> <p>Ernie moved to recommend funding both the Jackson & Vilas county storm damage requests for a total of \$47,370.90. Second by Adam. <u>Motion Passed.</u></p> <p>Note: at the June Council meeting approval of up to \$27,500 was recommended for Oconto County storm damage. The final amount of that request and grant is: \$17,550.</p>
Council Member		

<p>Items</p>	<p>Significant projects coming up: Wolf River & Peshtigo River bridges. In addition to the big bridge projects, we need to start looking at the old low-end bridges not because of capacity but based on need. These bridges are potential problems being they are not engineered and can be of questionable design and capacity. This will take years but we need to start looking at it and we need to offer guidance regarding going after our lowest tier bridges.</p> <p>We may have more money than the SRC has to keep up with us so ORVC may need to look at ATV bridges only in some cases.</p> <p>The funds unexpectedly returned to the program this year are targeted toward addressing critical infrastructure.</p> <p>Interest expressed in using some of the extra funds for a safety message or some way to raise the awareness for a safety message. Response: an actual plan with message, method and numbers would have to be designed before Cathy could pursue funding.</p> <p>Would like the ORV Council to get more involved with setting equipment rates.</p> <p>Would like to examine the possibility of ATV/UTV money funding long term leases out of ATV funds.</p>	
<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Jon Daniels from Marathon County asked to have their bridges revisited because they were approved at 14K while other county projects were approved at 20K.</p> <p>WCFA – Jane said a county forest had their certification audit two weeks ago, and they are going to receive a corrective action dealing with movement of soil into wetland areas related to motorized recreation.</p> <p>They haven't received the official corrective action at this point.</p>	

	<p>They have had several paper mills come to their county forests and continue to state that the forest certification is very important to them. Jane will share that corrective action when she receives it.</p> <p>Bryan – Thanked Jane and went on to explain that the Council asks a lot of questions and sometimes it seems to be putting people on the spot but it’s because they want a complete picture to best represent all ATV users and to make appropriate recommendations for the large amounts of money they deal with.</p> <p>WATVA – VIP ride is September 8th at Dyracuse. Many members and different user groups will be there including legislators.</p> <p>Public question: Does anyone inspect and make sure that the monies awarded in grants are being spent properly. Answer: CSSs do inspections and proper paperwork/document must be filled-out and provided to collect.</p>	
<p>Housekeeping & other matters</p>	<p>Upcoming joint ORV & Snowmobile Council meeting to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge load funding amount • Cost-share on joint ATV/UTV – Snowmobile trails for summer, winter & year-round trails. • Rate setting. <p>Next year funding meeting, possibly: August 28, 2018.</p>	
<p>11. Adjournment</p>		<p>Motion by Bryan, second by Dave to adjourn. <u>Motion passed.</u></p>