



**Off-Highway Motorcycle Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
via Zoom

**Council Members Present:** Bryan Much (Chair), Rob McConnell (Vice Chair), Craig Johnson, Phil Smage, Mitch Winder  
**DNR Staff:** Jillian Steffes  
**Public:** Tim Duenkel (Wisc Coalition of 4W Drives)

**1. Call to order – 7:00 PM by Bryan**

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

Draft minutes from November 2022 meeting are posted online.

**Motion to approve minutes** by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. **MOTION PASSED**

**3. Chair Report – Bryan Much**

- The current spending cap of \$60k annually could be problematic if a large bridge or acquisition projects come up. Those aren't common, but they aren't cheap.

**Motion to support increasing the annual spending cap from \$60k to \$250k** by Rob, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. **MOTION PASSED**

**4. DNR Report - Jillian Steffes (Grants)**

- No updates since Nov meeting.

**5. Review Open Grant Projects**

Grant Num	Project	Grant	Start Date	End Date	Status Update
OHM-19001	Town of Rome, Dyracuse Intensive Use Trials Challenge Area Development, 2019-20	\$ 27,206.00	08-May-19	30-Jun-22	Extended to 06/23 as a result of scope amendment and contractor delays, partial payment made.

OHM-19002	Clark County, Knobby Ridge Motorcycle Trail Reroute, 2019-20	\$ 6,000.00	10-Jan-20	30-Jun-22	Extended to 06/23 - <b>From County:</b> The club has made some re-routes and maintenance work out there. Their help is limited. They agreed to close down the trails on the east side of Bachelors Ave because of the years of ongoing issues with being in wet areas. Those trails have not been used in several years and not at all since I have been here. That is a decrease in about 11.2 miles of trail. Maps will need to be updated. Instead the focus will be to the north of the existing trails on the west side of Bachelors Ave. They have added at least one mile and have marked out another 2 mile loop. They want to make some improvements to the intensive use area with new signs too. I am waiting on a list for signs as well.
OHM-19005	Richard Bong State Recreation Area Bypass Trail and Signage 19-20	\$ 8,674.00	13-Jun-19	30-Jun-23	Hoping to complete work this fall (2022)
OHM-20001	Village of Tigerton OHM Trail Development 20-21	\$ 11,813.00	30-Oct-20	30-Jun-23	In progress? Staff turnover has slowed progress
OHM-21001	Village of Tigerton OHM Trail Maintenance 21-22	\$ 988.00	01-Jul-21	30-Jun-22	
OHM-21003	Village of Tigerton OHM Bridge Development	\$ 49,300.00	18-Oct-21	30-Jun-24	Waiting on Permitting (WMS)
OHM-21004	Sauk County - SPSRA Special Event 2022	\$ 1,925.00	20-Jan-22	30-Jun-23	Event took place 10/2/22

#### 6. Public Comment

- Tim Duenkel – Question about OHM Grants at Tigerton. Would be in support of efforts to purchase a multi-use off road intensive use area in the southern part of the state.

#### 7. Council members' matters

- Rob – WATVA will be meeting with legislators in the coming months to try and shift some ATV/UTV funds to a separate account earmarked for the purchase of an intensive use area in the south (with the idea of it being open to multiple off-road vehicle uses)
- Bryan – Rhinelander's proposed OHM area still dormant.

#### 9. Other matters that may come before the Council

- None

#### 10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rob. Motion carries.