



Snowmobile Advisory Council Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 29th, 2022

Rib Mountain Conference Center & Dales Weston Lanes, Weston and via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Lee Van Zeeland, Mike Holden, Bob Lang, Dale Mayo, Sue Smedegard

Other Council Members Present: Lynsey Burzinski, Bev Dittmar, Joel Enking, Abby Haas, Gary Hilgendorf, Andy Malecki, Don Mrotek, Erica Volker, Leon Wolfe

DNR staff attendance: Jillian Steffes, Kurt Byfield, Jeremy Holtz, Annie Loechler, Jeff Pennucci

Public attendance: Dave Newman and other members of the public

1. Call to order at 9:00 AM

2. Agenda Repair - None

3. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve March 2022 minutes by Mike, 2nd by Sue. MOTION PASSED

4. Committee Chair Comments

- **Lee Van Zeeland** – Pleasure to be here.

5. Public Comments

- None

6. DNR Funding Report

- Financial Statement provided. Page 1 shows the detailed revenue and expenditures for the 2021-22 year. Page 2 shows a starting balance for 2022-23, based on money in the account and obligations for maintenance this year and supplemental requests.
- At a previous meeting, Jillian said DNR Management and Budget voiced concern about grant program awarding funds faster than revenue can keep up. Upon further discussion, it came to light he was only looking at one of the three pots of money that fund the snowmobile trail aids program. He also assumed we would spend up to the spending cap each year when moving forward, which doesn't happen in practice. When looking at the program as a whole, we are in good shape and no concerns at this time.

7. ACTION ITEM – Funding Amount Recommendation

- This financial statement has evolved somewhat over recent years, and not easy to understand. The FN Committee would like to schedule a meeting with DNR accountants to go over this document and come to a better understanding of the numbers presented, and perhaps work on a revised format that is easier to understand.
- Overall, using a simplified version of that document and assuming we don't wish to draw down the 574 (Registration) fund, we determined we are starting this funding meeting with \$7,481,000 available to spend on grant requests

Motion to recommend to the full Council we set aside \$200,000 for GPS unit leases for the 2022-23 season, and \$1,000,000 for emergency storm damage, cost increase, etc., leaving approx. \$6,281,000 for project funding. Motion by Sue and 2nd by Mike. MOTION PASSED

8. Committee member reports, comments and items

- None

9. Items for next meeting

- Set up a future meeting over the next months to have the FN Committee meet with DNR Accountant(s) to go over the Financial Statement, get a better understanding, and possibly modify the format for future.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Sue, 2nd by Mike. MOTION PASSED