



Snowmobile Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 9th, 2021
via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Dale Mayo - Chair, Joel Enking, Abby Haas, Gary Hilgendorf, Mike Holden, Erica Keehn, Andy Malecki, Don Mrotek, Sue Smedegard, Lee Van Zeeland
 DNR staff attendance: Jillian Steffes, Annie Loechler, Faith Murray, Kurt Byfield, Jeff Pennucci (via Zoom)
 Public attendance: Members of the public

1. Call to order at 11:00 AM

2. Agenda Repair

- Add item to discuss topic of grooming on road routes (new #7).

3. Public Comment

- None

4. Council Chair and Vice-Chair Comments

- **Dale Mayo – Chair**
 - Committee assignments sent.

5. DNR Report

- **Jillian Steffes – DNR**
 - We have a couple of updated requests following the August 31 funding meeting, would like Council review and recommendations on these. (Agenda Item 6)

6. ACTION ITEM: Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications due to additional information received.

- Below are recorded questions/comments/discussion and the motion. Details on each project available in the meeting attachments.

Grant Number	County	Discussion/Questions	Motions
Relocation			
55	Clark	Council was presented with a request of \$567,200. This did not include some required elements that were included in the original application. County needs a total of \$828k from Snowmobile in order for the project to proceed, or else DOT will not include it in the bridge replacement. Construction slated for 2023.	Motion to approve additional \$260,800: By: Lee, 2nd: Mike Motion carried.
Bridge Rehab			
25	Trempealeau	At the time of the funding meeting, it appeared that the County did not include the bridge cost estimate break downs that are required for a complete application; therefore projects did not receive funding. Upon further review, the applicant DID provide those materials prior to the 4/15 application deadline. Reconsideration requested.	Motion to approve funding recommendation: By: Lee, 2nd: Mike Motion carried
26	Trempealeau	Same comments as above	Motion to approve funding recommendation:

			By: Sue, 2nd: Don Motion carried
63	Tri County (North)	Application submitted prior to 4/15/21 for funding for replacement of a failed culvert on the Tri Co Rec Corridor near Karaba Rd. Application caught in spam filter at DNR, not discovered till after 8/31 funding meeting. Please consider.	Motion to approve funding recommendation: By: Lee, 2nd: Sue Motion carried

7. Discussion: Grooming On Road Routes

At an [ad hoc committee meeting in April](#), said group discussed the possibility of paying groomers 50% of the assigned groomer rate (as non-grooming transport time) when they are traveling down a road route that is an integral part of a single funded trail.

The committee intended to bring this up at the August meetings, but failed to do so.

Motion to recommend groomer time gets paid as non-grooming transport time when the groomer is traveling on a route that is an integral part of a single funded trail, at a rate of 50% of the assigned groomer rate by Andy...no 2nd due to discussion items below. MOTION FAILED

In order to implement this, Groomer Tracking Systems and DNR would need to be able to individually identify and manually code the GIS for each road that is “integral to a single funded trail”. Going to be a lot of manual work. Given the roll out of GPS units to all groomers this winter, and the timing of the snow season, it is not feasible to implement this by the 21-22 snow season. DNR recommends GTS and DNR review the logistics of this over the winter/spring, and we bring the topic back up in future.

8. Member reports, comments and items

- None

9. Adjourn

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