

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility
7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN
January 23, 2023

Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St. Louis County Commissioner), Mike Jugovich (St. Louis County) Ricky Roche (Koochiching County Commissioner), Rick Goutermont (Lake County Commissioner)

Others Present: Ron Potter, Nathan Heibel, Jason Chopp, Bruce Bestie, Julie Marinucci, Eric Fallstrom, Jeff Mogush, John Bennett, Adam Cochran, Jason DiPiazza, Beth Pierce, Kristin Anderson, Kim Maki, Dave Reimer, Rich Floyd

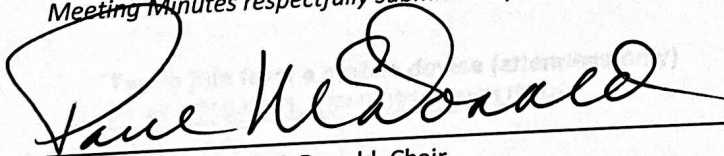
- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - *Meeting called to order by McDonald at 2:01 PM*
- II. **Roll Call and Board Assignments**
 - *Commissioner's Jugovich/Roach motioned to nominate McDonald as Board Chair and Goutermont as Vice-chair. Motion carried unanimously.*
- III. **Agenda Approval:**
 - *Commissioner's Goutermont/Roche motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
 - *Motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2022**
 - *Commissioner's Jugovich/Goutermont motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
 - *The motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
- V. **Public Comments:**
 - *None*
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Funding Update
 - Commissioner McDonald talked to Jeff Anderson who could not attend the meeting due to the legislative session. All bills have been introduced. Testimony is scheduled for January 24th for Dedicated Account Funding. Hearings have been requested. There may be 2 bonding bills, one in February and possibly another in May. Discussion on letter to LCCMR regarding potential rule change requiring a 50% match on capital projects. IRRRB funding was approved in December. Eric Fallstrom will reach out to IRRRB regarding grant agreement.
 2. Economic Impact Study
 - John Bennett provided an update that the draft report is ready. They will provided an overview of the draft report at the February meeting.
 3. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Ron indicated that the consultant has the survey information compiled. There should be a draft report ready around the end of January.
 4. NE Regional Masterplan Update

- Jason provided an update that the first trail inventory meeting has been conducted with a small group of ATV clubs. 3 more meetings are anticipated with the remaining clubs in the next 2-3 weeks.
- 5. MNDOT LUP Application Discussion
 - Jason/Eric met with MNDOT. The LUPs will be pushed back to the prospective clubs to provide technical information for LUP submittal. All projects are on different schedules and will be submitted individually when they are ready. This items will be removed from the agenda until further updates are known.
- 6. GIA/Blue Ox Discussion
 - Nathan stated that the GIA application will be reviewed soon by the DNR Region. There is a \$25k annual request although the potential award may be closer to \$15k. The DNR also advised that there may be some 1 time funds available in the range of \$10k to \$15k for purchase of materials.
- 7. Other
 - Brief update on 2023 Ridge and Rally Planning. This item will be added to the agenda for the February meeting. There is an upcoming planning meeting yet to be scheduled. Quad Cities and Ranger will co-host the 2023 Rally, it will take place at Giants Ridge.
 - It was noted that there is disaster funding available for GIA trails due the December 2023 storms. Funding is available for debris clean up due to downed trees, etc.

VII. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Roche/Goutermont motioned to adjourn at 2:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on February 27, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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