

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility
7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN
March 20, 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: Nathan Heibel, Jason Chopp, Eric Fallstrom, Jeff Mogush, Adam Cochran, Kristin Anderson, John Bennett, Chris Jacobson, Cole Metzold, Brigid Tuck, Tod Cracas, Judy Gibs, Nate Eide,

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - *Meeting called to order by McDonald at 2:00 PM*
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
 - *Commissioner's Roche/Goutermont motioned to approve the meeting agenda.*
 - *Motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
- III. **Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2023**
 - *Commissioner's Goutermont/Roche motioned to approve the meeting minutes.*
 - *The motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - *None*
- V. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Funding Update
 - Jeff Anderson was not in attendance due to the legislative session. Commissioner McDonald provided a general update on the status of \$1.55M in Bonding Funding.
 2. Economic Impact Study
 - John Bennett provided a brief overview and notified the group that there will be a presentation at the April 17 meeting.
 - General discussion on traffic counters. 11 were ordered and they will be arriving the last week of March according to Bruce Bestie. Any club that wants a traffic counter should email Jason Chopp as he will develop a master list of requests for consideration.
 3. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Ron Potter was not present to provide an update. Last month Ron notified the group that the completion timeline for the plan got extended to June.
 4. NE Regional Masterplan Update
 - Jason provided an update that initial trail inventory meetings have been completed with all the club and draft mapping was available for club review. Once the clubs have verified the maps, the consultants will engage with the public land managers for further review and comment.
 5. GIA/Blue Ox Discussion

- Nathan provided an update that the DNR is using leftover funds to purchase about 6 culverts and 400-500 cubic yards of rock for use on the trail improvements.
- 6. 2023 Ride and Rally – Giants Ridge
 - There was no representative present for a Ride and Rally update. This is anticipated at the Advisory Committee Meeting.
- 7. Other Items of Interest
 - Jason requested a small group meeting in the near future to discuss the FY24 IRRRB application and the expenditure of current grant funds.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Roche/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 2:33 pm. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on April 17, 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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