

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes

SLC Public Works, Large Conference Room

March 17, 2025

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp, Eric Fallstrom, Ray Howard, Bruce Beste, Steve Rowan, Jason Meyer, Ron Potter, Tom Baumchen, Chris Rokke, Julie Marinucci, Tom Daugherty. Dennis Hendricks, Jim Beauregard, Adam Cochran, Brian Harrington, Jamie Kilgore, Nathan Heibel, Jill Crawford-Nichols, Molly Lou Pintok

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - Meeting called to order by McDonald at 2:01 PM
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
 - Commissioner's Jugovich /Roche motioned to approve the meeting agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- III. **Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2025**
 - Commissioner's Roche/Goutermont motioned to approve the meeting agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - Brian Harrington from Eagles Nest Township asked for information regarding grants for ATVs for public emergency services. Commissioner McDonald requested Brian submit an email inquiry to Jason Chopp.
- V. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Legislative and Funding Update
 - Update from Costin Group regarding the Bill regarding ATV use in MNDOT right of way in small communities.
 - Recap from the ATVMN Legislative Reception.
 2. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Comment period is closed. 165 comments received regarding OVH plans.
 3. NE Regional Masterplan Update
 - Presentation of Draft NE Regional Master Plan by SEH. Jason stated that the plan is available for review and comment on the project website for the next 30 days. ([Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board](#))
 4. BL 25-01 Authorize the JPB to apply for and accept FY25/26 IRRR Trail project funding.
 - Commissioner's Jugovich /Goutermont motioned to approve the meeting agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
 5. City of Cloquet – Wood City Riders LCCMR Project Letter of Support

- Chris Rokke presented the situation with the bridge project and the request for a letter of support from the JPB. Commissioner Jugovich will also draft a letter from his office.
- 6. Other Items of Interest
 - Chris Rokke presented the Carlton County Highway 61 project where highway is being downsized from 4 lane divided to 2 lanes with a turning lane. There is an opportunity to incorporate an ATV connection trail within the existing abandoned right of way if funds can be secured. Commissioner McDonald will investigate potential options and provide feedback.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Roche/Goutermont motioned to adjourn at 2:59 pm. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on April 21, at 2:00 pm at the St Louis County Public Works Office.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

Paul McDonald

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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