

Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board

Meeting Agenda

October 17, 2022 at 2:00 PM,
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia

I. Call to Order – Chair McDonald

II. Roll Call and Introductions

III. Agenda Approval

IV. Agenda Items

- a) September 19, 2022 - Meeting Minutes Approval
- b) Public Comment
- c) Regular Agenda
 1. Funding Updates
 - i. IRRRB Application
 2. RAC Projects Update
 3. Economic Impact Study Update
 4. Statewide Master Plan Update
 5. NE Regional Master Plan Update
 6. MNDOT LUP Applications
 7. GIA/Blue Ox Discussion
 8. Kawishiwi River Bridge Update
 9. Other Items of Interest
- d) Adjourn

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- **November 21, 2022**

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility
7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN
October 17, 2022

Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (Chair, St. Louis County Commissioner), Wade Pavleck (Koochiching County Commissioner), Rick Goutermont, Lake County Commissioner

Others Present: St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki, Ron Potter (ATVMN & NRAJPB Advisory Committee Chair), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group, Inc.), Nathan Heibel (Koochiching County Land Commissioner), Jason Chopp (SEH), Bruce Bestie (Voyageur ATV), Julie Marinucci (St. Louis County), Joe Majerous (DNR), Carol Pavleck, Jason DiAPiazza (Lake County), Nate Eide (Lake County), Brian Fitsinger (St Louis County), Eric Fallstrom (St Louis County), Tim Engrav (USFS), Jeff Mogush (Eagles Nest Township), Tod Cracas, Dave Reimer (Koochiching County)

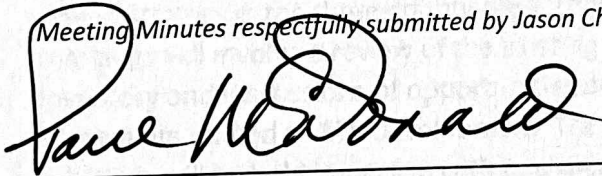
- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - *Meeting called to order by Chair McDonald at 2:02 PM*
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
 - *Commissioner's Pavleck/Goutermont motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
 - *Motion carried unanimously (3-0)*
- III. **Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2022**
 - *Commissioner's Goutermont/Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
 - *The motion carried unanimously (3-0)*
- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - *None*
- V. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Funding Update
 - \$1.96 M Application will not be on the October IRRR Board Agenda. They are reviewing legal aspects of the match money, so it is anticipated it will be on the December IRRR Board Agenda.
 - There is a \$10 K grant pending through trails task force to fund the economic impact study.
 2. RAC Projects
 - No Updates. Currently on a holding pattern.
 3. Economic Impact Study
 - Over 600 surveys received. Discussion on how long to keep the survey open. It was determined to run the survey through the end of October. Jason will notify Brigid.
 4. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Ron indicated that the trail data phase is wrapping up.
 5. NE Regional Masterplan Update

- Kick-off meeting with the 3 counties anticipated for late October.
- 6. MNDOT LUP Application Discussion
 - Received correspondence from MNDOT requesting engineering design drawings for review. Jason Chopp and Eric Fallstrom will meet with MNDOT to discuss specifics.
- 7. GIA/Blue Ox Discussion
 - There was a ride with the DNR and MNDOT to review the trail. Significant work is needed. The club/county agreement is in place for sponsorship. The trail runs from Big Falls to I-Falls, approximately 20 miles.
- 8. Kawishiwi River Bridge Discussion
 - Nate Eide informed the group they found information that Lake County owns the bridge. The JPB will notify the snowmobile club.
- 9. Other
 - Commissioner Goutermont provided an update on the tunnel project the coincides with HWY 61.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Pavleck/Goutermont motioned to adjourn at 2:32 pm. Motion carried unanimously (3-0)
- Next meeting will be held on November 21, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

NE Regional ATV Joint Powers Board

Stakeholder Meetings

Timeline: January-February

Description: The project team will hold a series of 6-8 stakeholder meetings to discuss opportunities and considerations relating to proposed ATV trail development. These conversations will rely on maps and visual aids to guide discussion.

Purpose: To familiarize stakeholders with the project and collect feedback on proposed routes and other planning considerations. Stakeholders include the Minnesota DNR, Municipal Representatives (County, City, Township), US Forest Service, Minnesota DOT, and Tribal representatives.