

# ***Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia

**I. Call to Order** – Chair McDonald

**II. Roll Call, Introductions and Establishment of Quorum**

**III. Agenda Approval**

**IV. Agenda Items**

- a) December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting Minutes Approval
- b) Public Comment
- c) Consent Agenda – none
- d) Regular Agenda
  1. Approve Dates/Time For 2022 NRAJPB Meetings
  2. ATV MN Legislative Summit Update
  3. Other Bonding / Funding Updates
  4. Conversation on USFS Road ATV Access
  5. Activities/Projects and Other Items of Interest
- e) Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- **February 28, 2022**
- **March 21, 2022**

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**January 24, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Paul McDonald (Chair, St. Louis County Commissioner), Mike Jugovich (Vice Chair, Mike Jugovich, Vice Chair, St. Louis County Commissioner), Wade Pavleck (Koochiching County Commissioner), Rick Goutermont (Lake County Commissioner), Terry Murray (Board Alternate, Koochiching County Commissioner)

**Others Present:** St. Louis County Deputy Administrator Brian Fritsinger, St. Louis County Land and Minerals Director Julie Marinucci, St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi, St. Louis County Resident Engineer Eric Fallstrom, St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki, Ron Potter (ATVMN & NRAJPB Advisory Committee Chair), Joe Majerus (DNR), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group, Inc.), Ann Nieson (USFS), Jason DiPiazza (Lake County Highway Engineer), Dave Reimer (Koochiching County Highway Engineer), Nathan Heibel (Koochiching County Land Commissioner), Jim Plummer (IRRRB), Nick Wognum (Prospector ATV), Jason Chopp (SEH)

I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**

- *Meeting called to order by Chair McDonald at 2:00 p.m.*
- *Quorum Established*
- *Attendee Introductions*

II. **Agenda Approval:**

- *Additions: Fiscal Services Agreement*
- *Commissioner's Goutermont /Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
- *Roll Call: Pavleck, Jugovich, & McDonald stated Aye*
- *Motion carried unanimously (3-0)*

III. **Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2021**

- *Chair*
- *Commissioner's Goutermont /Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
- *Roll Call: Pavleck, Jugovich, & McDonald stated Aye*
- *The motion carried unanimously (3-0)*

IV. **Public Comments:**

- *No Public Comment*

**Consent Agenda:**

**None**

V. **Regular Agenda:**

- **Approve Dates/Times for 2022 NRAJPB Meeting**
  - *Adjust meeting march date,*
  - *Discussion on meeting times,*
    - *Feb 28... 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 2pm.*
  - *Commissioner's Goutermont /Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
  - *Roll Call: Pavleck, Jugovich, & McDonald stated Aye*
- **The motion carried unanimously (3-0)**
  
- **ATV MN Legislative Summit Update**
  - **Ron Potter**
    - *About 50 attendees,*
    - *\$1M – V*
    - *.5M Prosp*
    - *.5M V Dedicated*
    - *.5M P Dedicated*
    - *All approved*
    - *Lake of the Woods Approved*
    - *ATV definition to do away with pneumatic tire and changing weight from 2,000 lbs to 3000. Supported by ATV and DNR*
    - *Use of State highways to get into town. No 2 priority.*
    - *Discussion on agricultural restriction, No 2 priority*
    - *16-17 year old to carry passenger if with a parent, No 2 priority*
    - *ATV Master Plan*
- **Other Bonding/Funding Updates**
  - **Jeff Anderson**
    - *\$1.55 Bonding Request being drafting.*
    - *Drafting bill for ATV dedication*
      - *\$1M for Prospector and Voyager*
- **Conversation on USFS Road ATV Access**
  - *Ron Potter, Met Via Zoom last Thursday develop a request list. Echo Trail is a major Trail connecting Ely and Crane Lake. There are many roads that do not allow ATV access for connections to the Echo Trail. Voyageur requests, some are already in request process.*
  - *Prospector, (No 5) 1494, Jackpine Mountain has a great overlook site.*
  - *Finland, there is no connections from trail system to Isabela. HWY 1 is the only connection and that is not legal.*
  - *Roxanne, Tim Engrove from Cook and John Pierce will attend the AC meeting to review the requests in more detail.*
  - *Ann Niesen, need a closer look*
- **Activities/Projects and Other Items of Interest**
  - *Joe, DNR, no items*
- **Fiscal Services Agreement**
  - *Pavleck/G, approve agreement*
  - *Motion carries*

VI. **Adjournment:**

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- **Commissioner's Jugovich/G motioned to adjourn at 2:31 pm. Motion carried unanimously (3-0)**
- **Roll Call: Jugovich, Pavleck, and McDonald stated Aye**
- **Next meeting will be held on February 28, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.**

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
- **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

# ***Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:00 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia, MN 55792

- I. Call to Order – Chair Ron Potter**
- II. Roll Call and Introductions**
- III. Agenda Approval**
- IV. Agenda Items**
  - A. November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting Minutes Approval
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Trail Planning/Funding Update
    - 1. ATV MN Legislative Summit Report
    - 2. IRRRB Grant Applications
  - D. ATV Club Roundtable
  - E. Agency Reports
    - 3. USFS
      - USFS Road Access Points
    - 4. MnDNR
  - F. County Updates
  - G. Other Business
    - 5. Approve 2022 Meeting Dates/Time

## **V. Adjourn**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**January 24, 2022**

**Present:** St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald (NRAJPB Chair), Julie Marinucci (St. Louis County Land and Minerals), Ron Potter (ATVMN), Tim Engrave (USFS), Brad Dekkers (DNR) Anderson (SLC), Jason Chopp (SEH), John Pierce (USFS), Ann Nielsen (USFS), Cathy Quinn (USFS), Larry Folstad (Northern Traxx), Sandy Gunnick (Finland ATV Club),

- I. **Call To Order:**
  - *Meeting called to order by Chair Potter at 5:08 p.m.*
  
- II. **Roll Call and Introductions:**
  - *Agencies Represented*
  
- III. **Agenda Approval:**
  - *Chair Potter called to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Mcdonald/Potter motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Motion carried unanimously*
  
- IV. **Agenda Items:**
  - *November 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes Approval*
    - *Chair Potter called to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2021*
    - *McDonald/Potter motioned to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2021*
    - *Motioned carried unanimously*
  
  - *Public Comments*
    - *None*
  
  - *Trail Planning/Funding Updates:*
    - *ATV MN Legislative Summit*
      - *1M Bonding Voyageur*
      - *.5M Dedicated V*
      - *.5M Dedicated P*
      - *.5M Bonding V*
      - *Lake of the Woods*
      - *All approved and No 1 priority*
      - *ATV definitions*

- Tires
  - 3,000 lbs weights
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- **IRRRB Grant Applications**
  - *McDonald informed the group regarding application for funds for a NE Regional Master Plan. \$50,000 application with match by \$50,000 from St. Louis County. \$25,000 of the match is through the grant and aid program. Targeting March IRRRB approval. Lake County already has a master plan that will be incorporated into the NE Plan.*
- **ATV Club Roundtable Reports:**
  - **Prospector**
    - *Nick Wognum, Beaver River Bridge Crossing under construction. Connect Four projects update, memorial ride for board member who passed. Putnam Lake Overlook being planned. Trying to establish an alignment through Eagles Nest. Legislative movement to get Counties to change lease challenges for trails on County Property.*
  - **Northern Traxx**
    - Larry, \$10,000 to get Benchmark moving forward on engineering. They are short on funding for construction.
  - **Sandy Gunnink, nothing to report**
- **Agency Updates:**
  - **U.S. Forest Service**
    - *Ann departing and transferring responsibilities internally.*
    - *Tim, no specific updates*
    - *Roxanne would like to get challenge cost share agreements in place with the Clubs. 5 Year agreements.*
    - *John, no updates on NEPA que on upcoming Prospector. John would like the USFS to update their mapping soon.*
    - *Cathy Quinn (filling in for John Benson), no updates*
  - **DNR**
    - Prospector submitted their proposal to the DNR to conduct an EAW on for the upcoming 4 trail projects.
    - Grant and Aid, ATV reroute planned.
    - New office administrative Staff, replacing Joan who retired.
    - Grant and Aid map updated for Prospector ATV
    - Grant and Aid map updating for Voyageur ATV
    - Working on wording for the Pike River Bridge to enable salvage for the Prospector reuse.
    - Working on ATV and snowmobile trail bridge replacements.
    - Brad and Joe Unger working with the sign committee for sign changes. White on Brown and Class 2 identification
    - Development of new ATV projects with Prospector
  - **St. Louis County**
    - i. Julie Marinucci provided update regarding MMB challenge.

- **USFS Road Access Points**
  - *Initial USFS questions:*
    - *Jennette, access to picnic area*
    - *465 Road, access to gravel pit for a large group event picnic*
    - *Show connections to these requests in the map for purpose and need for the USFS.*
- **Other Business**
  - *Brad Dekkers, communication processes for trail seasonal closures.*

V. **Adjournment:**

- *Chair Potter motioned to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.*
- *Next meeting will be held on February 28, 2022, at 3:30 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.*



# ***Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia

**I. Call to Order** – Chair McDonald

**II. Roll Call, Introductions and Establishment of Quorum**

**III. Agenda Approval**

**IV. Agenda Items**

- a) January 24, 2021, Meeting Minutes Approval
- b) Public Comment
- c) Consent Agenda – none
- d) Regular Agenda
  1. ATV MN Legislative Summit Update
  2. Other Bonding / Funding Updates
  3. USFS Road Connections for ATV Access
  4. Master Plan Update
  5. Activities/Projects and Other Items of Interest
- e) Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- **March 21, 2022**
- **April 18, 2022**

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**February 28, 2022**

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

**Others Present:** St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi, St. Louis County Resident Engineer Eric Fallstrom, St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki, Ron Potter (ATVMN & NRAJPB Advisory Committee Chair), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group, Inc.), Sunny (USFS), Jason DiPiazza (Lake County Highway Engineer), Dave Reimer (Koochiching County), Nathan Heibel (Koochiching County Land Commissioner), Jason Chopp (SEH), Mike Larson (SEH), Kristin Anderson (St. Louis County), Kelly Johnson (St. Louis County), Tim Engrave (USFS), Sunny Lucas (USFS), Nate Eide (Lake County), Roxanne Tea (USFS)

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
  - *Meeting called to order by Chair McDonald at 2:00 p.m.*
  - *Quorum Established*
  - *Attendee Introductions*
  
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
  - *Additions: d) 5, Economic Impact Study*
  - *Commissioner's Jugovich/Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Roll Call: Pavleck, Goutermont, Jugovich & McDonald stated Aye*
  - *Motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
  
- III. **Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2022**
  - *Commissioner's Jugovich/Goutermont motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
  - *Roll Call: Pavleck, Goutermont, Jugovich & McDonald stated Aye*
  - *The motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
  
- IV. **Public Comments:**
  - *No Public Comment*
  
- V. **Consent Agenda:**
  - *None*
  
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
  - *ATV MN Legislative Summit Update*
    - *Ron Potter*

- *Ron provided an update that the vision meeting will be held on April 23.*
  - **Other Bonding/Funding Updates**
    - **Jeff Anderson**
      - *\$1.55M Bonding Request has been introduced*
      - *\$1.0 Dedicated Account Request has been introduced*
      - *DNR additions pending*
      - *Grant Application for IRRRB NE Master Plan Pending*
  - **Conversation on USFS Road ATV Access**
    - *The advisory committee has developed a map and description of the requested connections along with general descriptions and priorities. There will be a follow up meeting with the USFS to discuss.*
  - **Activities/Projects and Other Items of Interest**
    - **Economic Impact Study**
      - *Commissioner McDonald updated the board that he met with the USFS and UMN regarding an Economic Impact Study through UMN. The next step will be to seek grant funding for the study.*

VII. **Adjournment:**

- *Commissioner's Jugovich/Goutermont motioned to adjourn at 2:38 pm. Motion carried unanimously 4-0)*
- *Next meeting will be held on March 21, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.*

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- **March 21, 2022**
- **April 18, 2022**

# ***Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

February 28, 2022, 3:30 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia, MN 55792

- I. Call to Order – Chair Ron Potter**
- II. Roll Call and Introductions**
- III. Agenda Approval**
- IV. Agenda Items**
  - A. January 24, 2022, Meeting Minutes Approval
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Trail Planning/Funding Update
    - 1. RTP Grants Due 2/25
    - 2. IRRRB Grant Applications
    - 3. Grant Writers
    - 4. ATV Master Plan Update
    - 5. ATVMN Vision
    - 6. GIA improvement process
    - 7. USFS Road Connections
  - D. ATV Club Roundtable
  - E. Agency Reports
    - 8. USFS
    - 9. MnDNR
  - F. County Updates
  - G. Other Business
- V. Adjourn**
- VI. Upcoming Meetings:**

March 21, 2022 and April 18, 2022

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**February 28, 2022**

**Present:** St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald (NRAJPB Chair), Ron Potter (ATVMN), Jason Chopp (SEH), Sandy Gunnick (Finland ATV Club), Bruce Bestie (Voyageur ATV), Eric Fallstrom (St. Louis County), Nate Eide (Lake County), Kelly Johnson (St. Louis County), Roxanne Tea (USFS)

- I. **Call To Order:**
  - *Meeting called to order by Chair Potter at 3:39 p.m.*
  
- II. **Roll Call and Introductions:**
  - *Agencies Represented*
  
- III. **Agenda Approval:**
  - *Chair Potter called to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Bestie/Gunnick motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Motion carried unanimously*
  
- IV. **Agenda Items:**
  - *January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes Approval*
    - *Chair Potter called to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2022.*
    - *Bestie/Gunnick motioned to approve the meeting minutes.*
    - *Motioned carried unanimously*
  
  - *Public Comments*
    1. *None*
  
  - *Trail Planning/Funding Updates:*
    1. *RTP Grants Due 2/25/22*
      - *Grant Application submitted by Voyageur ATV*
    2. *IRRRB Grant Applications*
      - *Application to be submitted with assistance of Costin Group in March for NRATVJPB Master Planning.*
    3. *Grant Writers*
      - *Ron Potter advised that several of the clubs needs assistance with grant applications. They are currently looking for a person to provide grant writing. More updates pending.*
    4. *ATV Master Plan Update*
      - *Ron Potter provided an update on the statewide master plan. There has been initial meetings with the planning consultant. The plan will take approximately 1 year to complete.*



- *Gunnick/Bestie motioned to adjourn at 4:53 p.m.*
- *Ron Potter will be gone, Bruce Bestie will Chair*
- *Next meeting will be held on March 21, 2022, at 3:30 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.*

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March 21, 2022 at 2:00 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia

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**II. Roll Call, Introductions and Establishment of Quorum**

**III. Agenda Approval**

**IV. Agenda Items**

- a) February 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes Approval
- b) Public Comment
- c) Consent Agenda – none
- d) Regular Agenda
  - 1. Bonding / Funding Updates
  - 2. USFS Road Connections for ATV Access
  - 3. Economic Impact Study
  - 4. ATV Traffic Counting
  - 5. Statewide Master Plan Update
  - 6. NE Regional Master Plan
  - 7. Activities/Projects and Other Items of Interest
- e) Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- **April 18, 2022**
- **May 16, 2022**



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  - *The motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
  
- IV. **Public Comments:**
  - *No Public Comment*
  
- V. **Consent Agenda:**
  - *None*
  
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    - 4. Winter Riding Discussion, Incorporation in Master Plan
    - 5. ATVMN Vision Agenda
    - 6. GIA improvement process
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  - D. ATV Club Roundtable
  - E. Agency Reports
    - a. USFS
    - b. MnDNR
  - F. County Updates
  - G. Other Business
- V. Adjourn**
- VI. Upcoming Meetings:**

April 18, 2022, May 16, 2022

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## ***Meeting Agenda***

March 21, 2022, 3:30 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia, MN 55792

- I. **Call to Order – Chair Ron Potter**
- II. **Roll Call and Introductions via WebEx: Nathan Heibel, Ron Potter, Nate Eide, in person: Paul McDonald, Roxanne Tea, Eric Fallstrom, Julie Marinucci, Bruce Beste, Brad Dekkers, Natalie White. Informational meeting (only 2 clubs, no quorum)**
- III. **Agenda Approval**
- IV. **Agenda Items**
  - A. February 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes Approval
  - B. Public Comment - none
  - C. Trail Planning/Funding Update
    1. IRRR Grant Application. Jim Plummer, \$1mil left in previous grant. Jim P would like to hear from Clubs on 2023 requests. Not a pre-application, just general thoughts for his planning purposes. (Brad Dekkers arrived at 3:35).
    2. Grant Writers. Stuart Beauregard is working on letters of support and grant writing for Ranger relocation due to MP solar panels.
    3. ATV Master Plan Update. Statewide effort, SE Group (consultant on statewide plan) will be attending Vision meeting in April, would like to visit trails between Detroit Lakes and Twin Cities.
      - a. \$25k grant for NE MN plan: Brad D. update that Joe Unger will finish his process and then contract must be executed, around end of March or early April.
      - b. Bruce B reminder that funding must be in place before putting out RFQ. Eric F, they will want to get RFQ approved for distribution on April 18<sup>th</sup> (next JPB meeting). Brad thought that timeline should work.
    4. Winter Riding Discussion, Incorporation in Master Plan. Primarily looking for opportunities that do not involve snowmobile trails.
    5. ATVMN Vision Agenda. Agenda in packet. There will be a Zoom meeting option. Register ahead of time with ATVMN.
    6. GIA improvement process. Joe Unger is heading up: improvement of RFR Form 6, improving parts of GIA manual including clarifying the 7-step process. Comments submitted by a club in NW MN to the DNR Area Supervisor are included in packet for informational purposes.

7. **USFS Road Connections.** Roxanne update, she is meeting with all SNF offices (Laurentian, Kawishiwi, etc) to brainstorm process. Different offices will combine their information so it's all included in 1 request. Mixed-use review will require NEPA review, which is a longer process. There is "low-hanging fruit" in some roads that are actually currently allowed for ATV use but not properly shown on maps. More involved road opening requests would be FY 23 requests (begins Oct 1<sup>st</sup>) and NEPA review. Bruce Q: when can clubs print maps with the currently open roads, in April? Roxanne, that info is publicly available. Eric Groebner in Cook has updated GIS layers (newer than the maps available on website).
  - a. Roxanne, USFS must use USFS engineers for mixed-use safety analysis (can't hire contractor)
  - b. Some lower-maintenance roads do not require mixed-use safety analysis
  - c. Roxanne will bring list of which roads are which to next meeting
  - d. Bruce, update on Special Use Permit for spring ride? Roxanne, follow up with Tim Lovitch directly, SUP review is not in her office. Bruce question on gravel pit vs. quarry for picnic during ride – ask Tim Lovitch. Tim Engrav provided notes that SNF would consider FR 477 for mixed use analysis for OHVs.

#### D. ATV Club Roundtable

- a. **Prospector (Ron Potter).**
  - i. Eagle's Nest meeting with Nick and other members last week. Lengthy, involved discussion. Suggestion of town supervisors & Prospector committee on finding acceptable alignment. Currently discussion is between Prospector, the township, and landowners. Will bring to County & others after committee has reached agreement on alignment.
  - ii. Beaver R bridge pushing to get done, club helped with volunteer labor on railings. Thanks to County for assistance. Should be open in early May.
  - iii. SEH helping with Connect 4 GIA application, in process.
- b. **Voyageur (Bruce Beste)**
  - i. Buyck to Schuster, working thru DNR Wetland and Recreational Lease. Can give final plans to St. Louis Co for advertising for bid about 2 weeks after Rec Lease is issued
- c. SE Group looking for names and email addresses for Trail Administrator or main club contact for each group. Ron will send spreadsheet to Brad Dekkers to add where names are missing.

#### E. Agency Reports

- a. USFS
  - i. 7 Beavers Bridge NEPA analysis is done
  - ii. Roxanne drafted partnership agreement with DNR for snowmobile, for internal review. Will work on JPB agreement when she gets feedback on the DNR agreement.
  - iii. SNF Resource Advisory Council (RAC), P McDonald is on the council. He has ideas about using RAC fund for maintenance (rather than coming out of individual office, e.g., Laurentian district budget). Roxanne and Commissioner McDonald will talk more about this possibility.
  - iv. Bruce: "Fire & Ice" update: desire for picnic tables, add fill for parking area, trail work, upgrade kiosk and signage, vault toilet. Roxanne & Brad: question is ongoing maintenance and who would be responsible.
- b. MnDNR
  - i. Ranger proposed trail in Stone Lake area: Brad would like shapefile of the route (east of Skibo, not part of Prospector's Connect 4). SEH does not currently have GPSed alignment.
  - ii. Re-route near Side Lake to separate ATV and snowmobile into separate alignments
  - iii. Trying to facilitate International Falls folks for maintenance on Blue Ox. Bruce has contacts who are interested and should talk with Brad D.
  - iv. Brad D – Regional review of Connect 4 is complete. Brandon Helm is new OHV planner. Brad & Joe Unger & Brandon Helm. Next step is talk to DNR ERU about EAW (mandatory triggered by length of trail); Natalie says Kate Fairman has some background on the project and discussion of going ahead with EAW (without completing Environmental Review Needs Determination).

#### F. County Updates

- a. Eric F: Ranger, Gilbert to Biwabik is out to bid, Quad Cities and NorthTraxx have projects out to bid.
- b. Julie – question on Eagles Nest, should ride event route be removed from Ride Command?
  - i. Brad, it's open to ATVs just not signed as a route
  - ii. Ron, Ride Command should be OK and not a conflict
- c. Nate Eide – lease update. Note in recorder's office to say Lease is on file; need to be recorded in St. Louis County and then MMB should be satisfied.
 

Updating comprehensive trails plan.
- d. Nathan Heidel – any update from Koochiching County? Bruce encourages Koochiching Co. folks to contact legislators.
  - i. Brad – who is sponsor of Blue Ox, is it Kooch Co? Or JPB? PM – it's JPB.

1. Do we want to update so all GIA goes thru JPB instead of individual counties?

G. Other Business - None

**V. Adjourn**

**VI. Upcoming Meetings:**

April 18, 2022, May 16, 2022

***Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board***  
***Meeting Agenda***

April 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM,  
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia

**I. Call to Order – Chair McDonald**

**II. Roll Call, Introductions and Establishment of Quorum**

**III. Agenda Approval**

**IV. Agenda Items**

- a) February 28, 2022, Meeting Minutes Approval
- b) Public Comment
- c) Consent Agenda – none
- d) Regular Agenda
  - 1. Bonding / Funding Updates
  - 2. USFS Road Connections for ATV Access
  - 3. USFS RAC Proposal
  - 4. Economic Impact Study
  - 5. ATV Traffic Counting
  - 6. Statewide Master Plan Update
  - 7. NE Regional Master Plan
    - i. Funding Status
    - ii. RFQ
  - 8. Activities/Projects and Other Items of Interest
  - 9. Invoices
- e) Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- **May 16, 2022, June 20, 2022**



**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**April 18, 2022**

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

**Others Present:** St. Louis County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi, St. Louis County Resident Engineer Eric Fallstrom, St. Louis County Attorney Kim Maki, Ron Potter (ATVMN & NRAJPB Advisory Committee Chair), Jeff Anderson (Costin Group, Inc.), Sunny Lucas (USFS), Jason DiPiazza (Lake County Highway Engineer), Dave Reimer (Koochiching County), Nathan Heibel (Koochiching County Land Commissioner), Jason Chopp (SEH), Mike Larson (SEH), Nate Eide (Lake County), Roxanne Tea (USFS), Rich Floyd, Steve Koch (Voyageur ATV), Bruce Bestie (Voyageur ATV), Julie Marinucci (St. Louis County), Joe Majerus (DNR), Carol Pavleck

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
  - *Meeting called to order by Chair McDonald at 2:00 p.m.*
  - *Quorum Established*
  - *Attendee Introductions*
  
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
  - *Commissioner's G/Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
  
- III. **Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2022**
  - *Commissioner's Goutermont/Jugovich motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
  - *The motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
  
- IV. **Public Comments:**
  - *No Public Comment*
  
- V. **Consent Agenda:**
  - *None*
  
- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
  1. Bonding Bill/Funding Updates from Jeff Anderson
    - Bonding Bill moving forward, \$1.55M Request
      - \$1M Voyageur ATV
      - \$500k Prospector ATV
      - \$50k Quad Cities ATV
    - Dedicated Account

- \$500k Prospector ATV
    - \$500k Voyageur ATV
  - LCCMR
    - \$944k Prospector ATV
  - IRRRB
    - \$50k awarded to JPB for NE Master Plan.
- 2. USFS Road Connections for ATV Access
  - Roxanne provided an update that the USFS is working through the details of the requests and anticipates more updates next month. There will be further discussion at the advisory board meeting.
  - Sunny Lucas provided an update regarding spring trail closures through May 1 and possible extension past that due to current weather conditions
- 3. USFS RAC Proposal
  - Commissioner McDonald and Roxanne met to develop a proposal for maintenance projects. 3 Different projects were discussed. The projects under consideration are for Quad Cities, Voyageur, and Prospector. These are typically \$20k-\$25k projects. Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) deadline is May 6.
- 4. Economic Impact Study
  - Commissioner McDonald informed the group that a UMN meeting will be pending this summer/fall.
  - Commissioner Goutermont discussed lodging tax funding and similar Hockey Impact Study performed in Lake County.
- 5. ATV Traffic Counting
  - Jason Chopp provided an update on availability and general cost of ATV traffic counting equipment. Largest cost is in the data processing level of detail. Request for the clubs to provide priority sites for traffic counters. Volunteers will be needed to download data and change batteries. Timelines must also be verified.
- 6. Statewide Master Plan Update
  - Master Plan consultant will be providing a kick-off at the Vision Meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 7. NE Regional Masterplan Update
  - Eric Fallstrom provided a general update on the RFQ status. The plan is to review with each county and establish a selection committee.
- 8. Other Items/Activities
  - Board Letter No. 22-01 to authorize the NRAJPB to apply for and accept funds from the MN Department of IRRR for the preparation of the NE Regional ATV Master Plan.
  - Commissioner's Goutermont/Jugovich motioned to BL 22-01
  - The motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- 9. Invoices
  - General discussion on invoice processing. It was identified that invoices are being sent to Eric Fallstrom and approved by Jim Foldesi.

VII. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Goutermont/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 2:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously 4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on May 16, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

- ***May 16, 2022***
- ***June 20, 2022***

# ***Northeastern Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Advisory Committee***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

April 18, 2022, 3:30 PM,

SLC Virginia Public Works Facility, 7823 Hwy #135, Virginia, MN 55792

- I. Call to Order – Chair Ron Potter**
- II. Roll Call and Introductions**
- III. Agenda Approval**
- IV. Agenda Items**
  - A. Meeting Minutes Approval
  - B. Public Comment
  - C. Trail Planning/Funding Update
    - 1. IRRRB Grant Application
    - 2. Grant Writers
    - 3. ATV Master Plan Update
    - 4. Winter Riding Discussion, Incorporation in Master Plan
    - 5. Blue Ox Trail Repairs
    - 6. GIA improvement process
    - 7. USFS Road Connections
  - D. ATV Club Roundtable
  - E. Agency Reports
    - a. USFS
    - b. MnDNR
  - F. County Updates
  - G. Other Business
- V. Adjourn**
- VI. Upcoming Meetings:**

May 16, 2022, June 20, 2022

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**April 18, 2022**

**Present:** St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald (NRAJPB Chair), Ron Potter (ATVMN), Jason Chopp (SEH), Sandy Gunnick (Finland ATV Club), Bruce Bestie (Voyageur ATV), Eric Fallstrom (St. Louis County), Nate Eide (Lake County), Roxanne Tea (USFS), Nick Wognum (Prospector), Nathan Heibel (Koochiching County), Julie Marinucci (St Louis County), Mike Larson (SEH), Brad Dekkers (DNR), Gene Wright (Babbitt ATV), Dave Soular (Babbitt ATV), Todd Frey (Ranger ATV), Roy Beauregard (Ranger ATV), Bob Turk (Ranger ATV), Steve Koch (Voyageur ATV), Larry Folstad (Northern Traxx ATV), Dave Dinco (Quad Cities ATV)

I. **Call To Order:**

- Meeting called to order by Chair Potter at 3:30 p.m.

II. **Roll Call and Introductions:**

- Roundtable introductions

III. **Agenda Approval:**

- Chair Potter called to approve the meeting agenda
- Bestie/Folstad motioned to approve the meeting agenda
- Motion carried unanimously

IV. **Agenda Items:**

A. February 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes Approval

- a. Chair Potter called to approve the meeting minutes from February 28, 2022.
- b. Bestie/Folstad motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
- c. Motioned carried unanimously

B. **Public Comments**

- a. None

C. **Trail Planning/Funding**

1. **IRRRB Grant Application**

- i. \$50k Funds awarded by IRRRB, to be matched with \$25k St Louis County, and \$25k GIA through DNR.
- ii. General Club discussion of project estimates
  1. Northern Traxx, \$250k with no current match
  2. Ranger, \$400k with no current match
  3. Voyageur, \$500k match with dedicated funds
  4. Quad Cities \$100k with no current match
  5. Prospector, \$1.45M with dedicated and LCCMR match

6. Total of \$2.7M estimated
  7. Bestie/Wright motioned to approve total estimate to IRRRB. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Grant Writers**
    - iii. Northern Traxx found a grant writer, but this person is not familiar with ATV projects.
  3. **ATV Master Plan Update**
    - iv. Kickoff will happen at the Vison Conference on 4/23.
  4. **Winter Riding Discussion**
    - v. This will be part of the master plan. There is current pressure to provide winter riding opportunities.
  5. **Blue Ox Trail Repairs**
    - vi. Discussion by Brad Dekkers. Work needed from I-Falls to Big Falls. There is a need for Koochiching County to sponsor the ATV Club for repair work.
  6. **GIA Improvement Process**
    - vii. This has been spearheaded by Joe Under. The revised RFR has been released and it is on the DNR website.
  7. **USFS Road Connections**
    - viii. Roxanne provided general feedback regrading the request made by the ATV clubs. The USFS will coordinate with the specific districts and the clubs for further clarification on trail access.

#### D. ATV Roundtable

- **Quad Cities**
  - Dave provided an update on 2 current projects out for construction bids
  - Club Ride on May 7th
- **Voyageur**
  - Bruce provided an update on the Buyck to Schuster project and that it should be ready to bid soon once permits are issued. The club would also like to construct the Winchester Lake project soon along with some bridge overlooks. Vermilion Falls to Crane Lake surfacing work will be completed this summer.
- **Northern Traxx**
  - Current reroute project underway, Alborn to Hibbing, \$250k project.
- **Babbitt**
  - General maintenance and a small reroute project are underway.
- **Ranger**
  - Gilbert to Biwabik project to be awarded to the contractor on 4/26.
  - Aurora to Hoyt Lake Reroute, approximately ½ mile
  - Hoyt Lakes to Babbitt, preliminary design and EAW
  - 113 to Seven Beavers
  - New bridge is in permitting phase.
- **Prospector**
  - Requesting club help to construct railings on the new Beaver River Bridge.
  - "Connect 4" projects in EAW process
  - April 30 Club Ride
- **Finland**
  - Currently still have 2 feet of snow.

- Trail Maintenance and shelter replacement project planned.

**E. Agency Reports**

- **USFS**
  - Roxanne updated on weather causing trail opening delays.
- **DNR**
  - Brad discussed trail closure signage.

**F. County Reports**

- **St. Louis**
  - Julie - none
- **Lake**
  - Nate discussed posted trail closures.

**G. Other Business**

- RAC proposal discussed by Commissioner McDonald. 3 projects currently proposed, \$20-25k in size, primarily for erosion control.

**V. Adjournment:**

- Folstad/Wright motioned to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
- Next meeting will be held on May 16, 2022, at 3:30 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.