

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility
7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN
May 16, 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 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), Roxanne Tea (USFS), Bruce Bestie (Voyageur ATV), Julie Marinucci (St. Louis County), Joe Majerus (DNR), Julie Marinucci (St. Louis County)

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - *Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Jugovich at 2:00 p.m.*
 - *Quorum Established. Also, noted that Commissioner McDonald had to attend via Teams and could not be a part of the established quorum.*

- II. **Agenda Approval:**
 - *Agenda addition, No. 9 GIA/Blue Ox Discussion*
 - *Commissioner's Goutermont/Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
 - *Motion carried unanimously (3-0)*

- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2022**
 - *Commissioner's Goutermont/Pavleck motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
 - *The motion carried unanimously (3-0)*

- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - *No Public Comment*

- V. **Consent Agenda:**
 - *None*

- VI. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Bonding Bill/Funding Updates from Jeff Anderson
 - General legislative update, bills need to be passed on Sunday 5/22.

 2. USFS Road Connections for ATV Access

- Sunny stated that the FS had an internal meeting regarding the request. A mixed-use analysis has been requested internally. NEPA process will also be required. No timeline known.
3. USFS RAC Proposal
 - Roxanne provided an update on the RAC proposal. 16 projects submitted. Selection at the end of June.
 4. Economic Impact Study
 - Jason provided an update on the meeting with UMN on June 12. UMN will provide a proposal for consideration in advance of the June JPB meeting.
 5. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Ron provided an update that the Master Plan is underway, there is a questionnaire on the DNR website.
 6. NE Regional Masterplan Update
 - Jim Foldesi presented Board Letter 22-02 requesting authorization to seek RFQ's for the NE Regional Master Plan.
 - **Commissioner's Pavleck/Goutermont motioned to approve BL 22-02**
 - **The motion carried unanimously (3-0)**
 7. Secure Rural Schools
 - Redundant agenda item. See Agenda item No. 3.
 8. MNDOT LUP Application Discussion
 - Ron provided an update on the LUP Applications that are needed and the desire of MNDOT for them to be submitted through the County. Jim Foldesi and Ron Potter will have a follow-up meeting to discuss the details further.
 9. GIA/Blue Ox Discussion
 - Bruce provided an update that they are looking for Koochiching County to be the sponsor for needed repairs. The DNR would like the Voyager to help but the sponsor will be needed for the GIA funds.
 10. Other
 - Chisholm Club Ride 5/21.
 - Ron advised that prospector trails will not open for at least another week.
 - Roxanne advised that some trails are opening weather dependent.

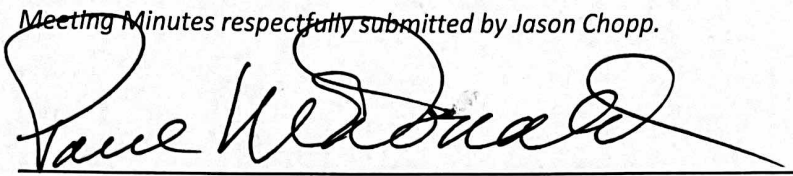
VII. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Goutermont/Pavleck motioned to adjourn at 2:32 pm. Motion carried unanimously 2-0)
- Next meeting will be held on June 20, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- **July 18, 2022**
- **August 15, 2022**

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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