

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**July 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),

**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.), Adam Cochran (USFS), Roxanne Tea, Jason DiPiazza (Lake County Highway Engineer, Nathan Heibel (Koochiching County Land Commissioner), Jason Chopp (SEH), Bruce Bestie (Voyageur ATV), Julie Marinucci (St. Louis County), Tod Cracus, Eric Fallstrom (St. Louis County), Joe Majerous (DNR), Carol Pavleck, Mike Larson (SEH), Brian Fritsinger (St. Louis County), Kevin Gray (St Louis County) Karin

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
  - *Meeting called to order by Chair McDonald at 2:05 p.m*
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
  - *Commissioner's Pavleck/Jugovich motioned to approve the meeting agenda*
  - *Motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
- III. **Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2022**
  - *Commissioner's Pavleck/Jugovich motioned to approve the meeting minutes*
  - *The motion carried unanimously (4-0)*
- IV. **Public Comments:**
  - *None*
- V. **Regular Agenda:**
  1. Bonding Bill/Funding Updates from Jeff Anderson
    - Jeff Anderson provided an update that it is a low probability that there will be a special legislative session after the August Primaries.
    - Commissioner McDonald presented BL 22-04 for the request to apply for and receive \$1.94 M in 2023 Trail Project Funding from IRRRB.
    - ***Commissioner's Pavleck/Goutermont motioned to approve BL 22-04***
    - ***The motion carried unanimously 4-0***
  2. RAC Projects
    - Commissioner McDonald provided an overview of the RAC project proposals. No official decision yet. Project consist of various trailhead projects and trail maintenance projects.
  3. Economic Impact Study
    - General discussion of Funding and trail traffic counting. Jason provided an overview of available traffic counter equipment and general costs to process the

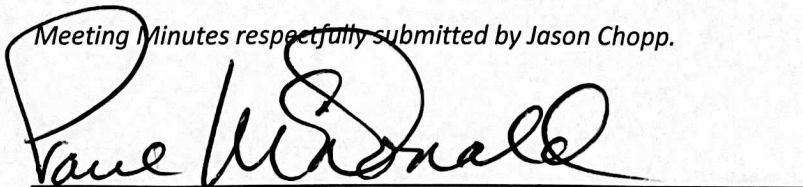
data by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The topic requires further discussion at the Advisory Committee Meeting, and a follow up meeting with UMN.

4. Economic Impact Study
  - Presentation by Brigid and John from UMN with general discussion on preferred scope of work. General discussion, no action taken.
5. Statewide Master Plan Update
  - Ron provided an update that the project is on schedule with an upcoming meeting with trail administrators on July 29<sup>th</sup>.
6. NE Regional Masterplan Update
  - Eric Fallstrom provided an update that the project is in contracting and SEH should be under contact soon to begin the Master Plan.
7. MNDOT LUP Application Discussion
  - Eric Fallstrom provided an update that MNDOT confirmed they received the application and that is being routed with MNDOT for the appropriate reviews.
8. GIA/Blue Ox Discussion
  - Joe provided an update that the Voyageur has offered to sponsor the work and Koochiching County is under consideration as the fiscal agent although no official determination has been made yet. Ron indicated that Brad Dekkers will be working on the application.
9. Kawishiwi River Bridge Discussion
  - Jason DiPiazza provided an update that they are looking for further detail on bridge ownership with more information to be provided next month.
10. Fire Tower Ownership Discussion
  - Bruce provided an update that he has been in contact with Julie M. regarding County ownership of fire towers. Julie will follow up with Bruce with more information.
11. Other
  - Commissioner Goutermont provided an update regarding MNDOT and the potential for ATV crossing tunnels in Two Harbors
  - Julie Marinucci discussed the topic of providing/sharing trail closure information. This could be potentially shown through trail GPS software such as Polaris Ride Command or similar.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Pavleck/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 2:47 pm. Motion carried unanimously 4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on August 15, 2022, 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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