

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
SLC Virginia Public Works Facility
7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN
May 20, 2024

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

Others Present: Jason Chopp, Eric Fallstrom, Ron Potter, Nathan Heibel, Joe Majerus, Bruce Beste, Nate Eide, Tom Baumchen, Michael Brandt, Jeff Anderson, Greg Pruzinski, Tim Rund, Steve Rowaz, Pam Rowaz. Brigid Tuck

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - Meeting called to order by McDonald at 2:00 PM
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
 - Commissioner's Goutermont/Roche motioned to approve the meeting agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2024**
 - Commissioner's Goutermont/Roche motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
 - The motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - None
- V. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Funding Update
 - Jeff Anderson provided an update on tax bill that passed in legislation. 22 ATV/Snow clubs received funding for equipment and maintenance. \$750,000 for a ATV/Snow Facility Building in Orr. Language was changed to allow \$950,000 in funding to be transferred to the DNR for the Arrowhead Trail. Funding allocated for the Prospector ATV (\$1.2M), and \$1.5M for the GIA Program.
 - There was no bonding bill.
 2. Economic Impact Study
 - Brigid provided an overview of the impact numbers from 2023. Brigid is requesting 5-yr capital improvement spending from the clubs for trail development for inclusion in the plan.
 3. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Ron provided an update that the plan is under review by the DNR commissioner's office.
 4. NE Regional Masterplan Update
 - Jason had no update on the Master Plan. A June meeting has been scheduled with City of Duluth regarding the proposed Head of the Lakes Trails.
 5. BL 24-01 TTF Grant Application to purchase trail counters.

- Board letter presented to apply for and received up to \$6,000 Trails Task Force Grant for the purchase of 18 trail counters. The ATV clubs will provide the match money.
 - Commissioner's Jugovich/Goutermont motioned to approve BL 24-01. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
6. Other Items of Interest
- Ron discussed the National OHV Conference being held in Minneapolis on October 14-19. General discussion regarding a possible presentation on the JPB.
 - Discussion regarding maintaining Pine Cener Trail System.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Roche/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 2:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on June 17, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "P".

Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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