Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes SLC Virginia Government Services Center Virginia, MN September 16, 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)

<u>Others Present</u>: Jason Chopp, Eric Fallstrom, Ron Potter, Nathan Heibel, Bruce Beste, Tom Baumchen, Jeff Anderson, Julie Marinucci, Joe Majerus, Dennis Hendricks, Jamie Kilgore, Pam Rowaz, Steve Rowaz, Ray Howard, Chris Rokke, Jim Beauregard, Tim Engrav, Tom Daugherty, Molly Lou Pintok, Jason Meyer, 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 August 19, 2024

IV. Public Comments:

- None
- V. <u>Regular Agenda:</u>
 - 1. Funding Update
 - Jeff Anderson submitted application for Alborn Aerie Lake Project, \$100,000 to the IRRRB.
 - o Jeff has an upcoming meeting with the IRRR commissioner to discuss funding
 - Jeff will be working on draft bills for the upcoming 2025 Legislative Session
 - 2. Economic Impact Study
 - Brigid updated that the EIS is complete and will be released by the UMN soon. The study will also be up uploaded to the JPB website by SEH.
 - 3. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - No update. The that the plan is under review by the DNR commissioner's office.
 - 4. NE Regional Masterplan Update
 - Comments have been received by the City of Duluth. SEH anticipates submitting a draft report for the JPB in November or December.
 - 5. Cloquet Valley State Forest, Riverlands State Forest Trail Planning
 - o Presentations by Molly Lou Pintok and Chris Rokke.
 - BL 24-04 Submittal of ATV Trail Proposal to DNR
 - Commissioner's Goutermont/Roche motioned to approve BL 24-04.
 - The motion carried unanimously (4-0)
 - 6. ATV Dedicated Account Funding Proposals

- Ron provided an updated that the request for project proposals will open in the coming weeks and be due toward the end of October.
- 7. 2024 Ride and Rally
 - The event starts this Friday. Jim provided an overview of what was in store for the weekend.
- 8. Other Items of Interest
 - Commissioner Goutermont provided an update regarding Cook County Trail System.
 - Tom Daugherty of Voyageur ATV provided an update regarding private landownership in Koochiching County and requested JPB support in the future.

VI. Adjournment:

- Commissioner's Jugovich/Roche motioned to adjourn at 3:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on October 21, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the St Louis County Public Works Office.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.

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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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