

**NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(NoRTAC)
MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday July 25, 2013

Department of Natural Resources – Spooner Northern Region HQ
810 W Maple Street, Hwy 70
“Community Room”
Spooner, WI 54801
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm

1. Approve Agenda
2. Committee Introductions and Recognition of Guests
3. Accept January 31, 2012 meeting summary
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice Chairman
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer
5. 2014 Budget - Review and Action
6. Approve Contract between NoRTAC and NWRPC for 2014 Staff Support
7. Regional Trail Map-Discussion
8. County Updates Relating to Trail Development/Maintenance and Other Projects or Points of Interest
9. Other Trail Coordination or Legislative Efforts – possible action
 - a. Wild Rivers Trail and Dilly Lake Road Depot
 - b. Polaris Lobbying Efforts to Change ATV Definition
 - c. Elevation of ORV Council to Governor Appointed/Statutory Council
 - d. Funding Lapse for ATV/Snowmobile and need for funding increases to both programs
 - e. Project Rankings and Criteria – ORV Council Efforts
 - f. Trout funding and possible changes to NR64
10. Next Meeting – Tentatively Scheduled for Burnett County w/ ATV Ride, Date TBD
11. Adjourn

Questions may be directed to Sheldon Johnson, NWRPC at 715-635-2197 or by email at sjohnson@nwrpc.com

Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary of July 25, 2013 (Draft)

Spooner, WI

Members Present

Jim Nemec, Bayfield County; Susan Ingalls, Burnett County; Ro Endresen, Burnett County; Dan Thole, Barron County; Michael Goettl, Chippewa County; John Robinson, Douglas County; Louie Okey, Barron County; Paul Teska, Rusk County; and Randy Tatur, Rusk County

Others Present

Dan Harrington, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Mike Peterson, Washburn County Forestry; Sheldon Johnson, NWRPC; Don Mrotek, Sawyer County Snowmobile & ATV Alliance; Clement Larson, NWRPC; Ed Slaminski, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; Elizabeth Tischner, U.S. Forest Service; Doug Johnson, Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs

Approve Agenda

Motion by Nemec to approve agenda, seconded by Okey. Approved

Committee Introductions & Recognition of Guests

Members and Guests were introduced.

Accept January 31, 2013 meeting summary

Motion by Tatur to approve the meeting summary from January 31, 2013, seconded by Goettl. Approved

Election of Officers

Chairman: Open nominations for Chairman, Dan Thole nominated from floor. Call for other nominations (3 times) and no other nominations. Motion by Nemec to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Dan Thole, seconded by Ingalls. Approved

Vice Chair: Open nominations for Vice Chair, Larry Jepsen nominated from floor. Call for other nominations (3 times) and no other nominations. Motion by Okey to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Jepsen, seconded by Nemec. Approved

Secretary/Treasurer: Open nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Nemec nominated from floor. Call for other nominations (3 times) and no other nominations. Motion by Okey to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Nemec as Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Robinson. Approved

2014 Budget Review and Approval

Sheldon Johnson presented a proposed budget. Based on budgetary needs, each county would be requested to contribute \$500 each towards the operation and coordination of NoRTAC members. Motion by Nemec to have each member county contribute \$500 in calendar year 2014, seconded by Okey. Approved

Approve Contract between NoRTAC and NWRPC for Staff Support

Sheldon Johnson presented a proposed Service Agreement between NWRPC and NoRTAC. Motion by Okey to approve recommended staff support contract, seconded by Robinson. Approved.

County Updates to Trail Development and Other Projects of Interest

County updates were provided by members or department staff in attendance.

Regional Trail Map

Clem Larson provided an update to mapping efforts underway across the participating NoRTAC member counties. It was noted that data is not consistent across county lines.

County Updates Relating to Trail Development/Maintenance and Other Projects or Points of Interest

Representatives from member counties provided updates relating to maintenance and development projects.

Other Trail Coordination or Legislative Efforts

Wild Rivers Trail & Dilly Lake Road Depot: Trail has been relocated as an "S" curve in proximity to the existing trail.

Polaris Lobbying Efforts to Change ATV Definition: Polaris Industries is looking as some ATV definition to make UTV and ATV by definition by changing ATV legislation.

Elevation of ORV Council to Governor Appointed/Statutory Council: It was reported the ORV Council will become a governor appointed body. Motion by Okey and seconded by Nemeč to have NoRTAC submit a letter to Governor Walker in support of Mike Peterson to be appointed to ORV Council. Approved

Funding Lapse for ATV/Snowmobile and need for funding increases to both programs: No new ATV/Snowmobile projects due to lapse of funds at state level. Some limited funds would be made available to applicants who were not funded in the April 2013 round, but funds would need to be a 80/20 split (state/applicant). The lapse in funds is in part due to there not being registration fee increases since 2002.

Project Ranking and Criteria-ORV Council Efforts: Council will begin looking at how projects are ranked and prioritized.

TROUTE funding and possible changes to NR 64: funding on hold.

Other Item(s): Members identified potential federal efforts to eliminate RTA and RTP funding programs (motorized and non-motorized). Motion by Nemeč and seconded by Okey to have NoRTAC send a letter of support to retain RTA and RTP funding.

Next Meeting Date

The next NoRTAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for early October at a location to be determined.

Adjourn

Motion by Goettl and seconded by Tatur to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.