



Off-Highway Motorcycle Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17th, 2022
via Zoom

Council Members Present: Bryan Much (Chair), Rob McConnell (Vice Chair), Craig Johnson, Phil Smage, Mitch Winder
DNR Staff: Jillian Steffes
Public: none

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM by Rob

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Draft minutes from September 2022 meeting are posted online.

Motion to approve minutes by Mitch, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED

3. Chair Report – Bryan Much

- Let's schedule a meeting for December 15th to complete our requirements of 3x meetings a year. At that meeting, would like to get updates on the open projects for Clark, Dyracuse, etc.

4. DNR Report - Jillian Steffes (Grants)

- The OHM program currently has a balance of \$391,614 (after the grant commitments approved this year). Registrations continue to grow at a steady pace.
- The program DOES have a spending cap of \$60,100 a year, regardless of program balance. This could be problematic if we have an expensive project come in one year, such as a bridge rehab.
- One maintenance request application (Douglas OHM Trail Maintenance) was missed in the initial intake but was received on time, presented to the Council today for funding recommendation.

5. ACTION ITEM: Review of and funding recommendations for grant applications

- Ad hoc (Bryan, Rob and Jillian) discussed ideas for a reasonable cost share for shared-use projects such as bridge rehabs. Since the OHM ridership is so small in comparison to the other users – nearly 500k registered ATV/UTV projects vs less than 7k registered OHMs – OHMs would represent 1 % of the user by registered #'s on a shared ATV/UTV/OHM project.

Motion to recommend funding ATV/UTV/OHM shared-use grant project requests at 1/100th cost share by OHM, reflecting the ridership use in comparison to the other users, UNLESS the applicant can demonstrate a higher OHM use by Rob, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED

- Douglas County is requesting maintenance assistance on 6 miles of OHM trail, connecting to 45 miles in Minnesota.

Motion to recommend funding Douglas's Maintenance Grant Request by Rob, 2nd by Mitch. MOTION PASSED

6. Review of open grant projects

- Tigerton plans to purchase the bridge and install it in the spring.
- Clark County, Dyracuse open grants will be discussed in December.
- Vilas open grants are being closed out.
- Bong work in progress this fall.

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Council members' matters

- Brian – Concern about any clubs who may be grooming just for the sake of grooming, which would be a disservice to the program. May want to review maintenance reimbursement requests to make sure the funds are being spent on a *need*, not over-grooming.

9. Other matters that may come before the Council

- None

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Rob, 2nd by Craig. **Motion carries.**

OHM Budget - Fiscal Year 2022-2023

**Requests Received - listed in priority order under s. 23.335(20), Wis. Stats.
Appr: 95200**

OHM Program Funds Available	<i>(estimate)</i>	\$ 404,118.83
<i>(Received \$102,275.71 in revenue in FY22)</i>		
Max Grant Spending per Spending Cap		\$ 60,100.00

Applications:

OHM Maintenance	\$ 4,397.80	\$ 4,398.00
OHM Development	\$ -	\$ -
OHM Rehabilitation	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
OHM Other	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,925.00

Totals:	\$ 13,822.80	\$ 13,823.00
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Remaining amount if all applications are funded: \$ 390,295.83

Active Registered Machines

March 31, 2017	506
March 31, 2018	2,464
March 31, 2019	3,893
March 31, 2020	4,532
March 31, 2021	5,911
March 31, 2022	6,882

2022-2023 Off-Highway Motorcycle Maintenance Requests

Region	County	Description	Component	Costs	Total	Approved	Question/Answer	
NE	Village of Tigerton	The Village of Tigerton is requesting funds for annual maintenance for 8.1 Miles of shared used ATV trails and 9.4 miles of OHM trail. Request for \$53/mi for OHM trail and \$50/mi for shared use of ATV trails.	Shared	\$405	\$903	\$903	Motion to recommend funding by Rob, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED	
		OHM Only	\$498	After Cost Share: \$903				
		Other funds received, requested, or committed?						
		Yes or No:	No	Amount:				
		Public or Private	Public	Shared or OHM-Only?	both			
Rec Park? (Y/N)	Y	User Fee Charged?	Y					
OHM Miles	9.4 (+8.1)							
			Trail Surplus	\$0				
			Per Mile	Variable	\$903			
NOR-R	Vilas	Vilas County is proposing to maintain 22.2 miles of OHM trails for 2022-23. They are requesting the \$53/mi rate plus the additional \$1,000 bonus to be used to address rehab on worn areas. Anticipated work includes brushing, signing, and treadway repairs.			\$2,177	\$2,177	Approved by Council previously, unchanged, no need to re-approve.	
		OHM Only			After Cost Share: \$2,177			
		Other funds received, requested, or committed?						
		Yes or No:	No	Amount:	\$ -			
		Public or Private	Public	Shared or OHM-Only?	OHM Only			
Rec Park? (Y/N)	No	User Fee Charged?	No					
OHM Miles	22.2							
			Trail Surplus	\$1,000				
			Per Mile	\$1,177	\$2,177			
NOR-S	Douglas	Douglas County proposes to maintain 6 miles of OHM trails. These trails connect with more than 45 additional miles in Minnesota's neighboring Nemadji State Forst. They are requesting the \$53/mi rate plus the additional \$1,000 bonus to be used to address rehab on worn areas. Anticipated work includes brushing, signing, and treadway repairs.			\$1,318	\$1,318	Motion to recommend funding by Rob, 2nd by Mitch. MOTION PASSED	
		OHM Only			After Cost Share: \$1,318			
		Other funds received, requested, or committed?						
		Yes or No:	No	Amount:				
		Public or Private		Shared or OHM-Only?				
Rec Park? (Y/N)		User Fee Charged?						
OHM Miles								
			Trail Surplus	\$1,000				
			Per Mile	\$318	\$1,318			
					\$4,398	\$4,398		

2022-2023 Off-Highway Motorcycle Rehabilitation Requests

Region	County	Description	Component	Costs	Total	Approved	Question/Answer	
NE	Kewaunee	Kewaunee County proposes to rehab approx 1 mile of trail located behind the parking and shelter area of the Riverview ATV Park. Work would include grading, shaping and leveling to repair low spots, ruts damage. Low areas will be spot treated with gravel. Funding request is split 50/50 with ATV.	Bridge		\$15,000	\$7,500 After Cost Share: \$7,500 \$7,500	\$7,500	Motion to recommend funding by Rob, 2nd by Craig. MOTION PASSED
			Culvert					
			Equipment	\$6,750				
			Labor	\$5,500				
			Gates					
			Signs					
			Other					
			1 1/4" gravel	\$2,750				
Other funds received, requested, or committed?								
Yes or No:		Yes	Amount:		\$7,500			
Ppublic or Private	Public	Shared or OHM-Only?	shared					
Rec Park? (Y/N)	Yes	User Fee Charged?	yes					
					\$7,500			
					\$7,500			
					\$7,500	\$7,500		

2022-2023 Off-Highway Motorcycle Other Requests

Region	County	Description	Component	Costs	Total	Approved	Question/Answer		
SCR	Sauk	WDNR/Sauk Prairie Recreation Area requests \$1,925 to cover the cost of a 2 day special event for OHM riders. Event will be staffed with volunteer labor from local OHM clubs.	Insurance	\$450	\$1,925	\$1,925	Motion to recommend funding by Mitch, 2nd by Phil. MOTION PASSED.		
			Event License	\$0	After Cost Share:				
			Signs	\$100	\$1,925				
			Supplies	\$125					
			Miscellaneous	\$1,000					
			Sauk CO Time	\$250					
		Other funds received, requested, or committed?							
		Yes or No:	No	Amount:	\$ -				
		Ppublic or Private	Public	Shared or OHM-Only?	OHM				
		Rec Park? (Y/N)	0	User Fee Charged?	No				
				\$1,925					
				\$1,925	\$1,925				