



Off-Highway Motorcycle Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 28th, 2023

via Zoom

Council Members Present: Bryan Much (Chair), Rob McConnell (Vice Chair), Craig Johnson, Jeff Long, Mitch Winder

DNR Staff: Jillian Steffes

Public: none

1. Call to order – 7:00 PM by Bryan

Welcome to our newest Council member, Jeff Long. Jeff is a lifelong motorcycle enthusiasts and has been involved in volunteering on the Tigerton trail.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

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

3. Chair Report – Bryan Much

- Two new projects in the works. One in Marinette County, looking for a location. Forest County has started cutting in some trails and may develop into a formal project over the winter. May get a couple of new development requests next year for these. Reminder, any shovel work done BEFORE the grant is not eligible, but any FUTURE work could be eligible if a grant approved (signage, parking lot, etc)
- Wisc ATV Assoc VIP ride had a great turn out with representatives, etc. Rob and Bryan pitched hard for motorized rec areas in the southern part of the state.
- May need to look into increasing our spending cap, so we can afford to buy into a larger project if one comes along. Otherwise that spending cap may tie our hands.
- Council members, be sure to complete the required ethics training.

4. Elections

Motion to nominate Bryan Much as Chair of the OHM Council by Craig, 2nd by Rob. MOTION PASSED

Motion to nominate Rob McConnell as Vice-Chair of the OHM Council by Bryan, 2nd by Mitch. MOTION PASSED

5. DNR Report

- **Jillian Steffes (Grants)**
 - HANDOUTS
 - OHM Registration Summary
 - OHM Trail Pass Sales Summary
 - Spreadsheet of FY24 Grant Requests
 - Annual revenue over the past year was \$112k
 - Trail pass sales in Jan-March expire at the end of March. Do we think anyone buying passes in those months intends to ride over those months, or are they buying them in error? Should we have GoWild prohibit sales at that time? Some people may be buying them to ride on frozen lakes, BUT they don't actually need one (frozen lake is not a trail).

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

- a. Below are recorded explicitly noted comments/questions. Funding motions and more details on each project available in the **meeting attachments**.

App #	Applicant	Discussion/Questions	Motions
1	Village of Tigerton	Cost increase request to their 2021 grant for development of a bridge. Asking for additional \$5,700.	Motion to recommend funding by Rob, 2 nd by Craig MOTION PASSED
2	Kewaunee County	Rehab of 1 mile of trail at the park, split 50/50 with ATV. Request is \$7,500	Motion to recommend funding by Mitch, 2 nd by Rob MOTION PASSED
3	Sauk County	Cost of hosting 2 day special event at Sauk Prairie Recreation Area	Motion to recommend funding by Mitch, 2 nd by Craig MOTION PASSED

- Douglas, Tigerton and Vilas all have existing, annually-renewing maintenance agreements, totaling \$4,848 and 54.2 miles.
- Kewaunee has not applied for annual maintenance, we may want to reach out to them to encourage them to do so. Clark Co also has a system, should they apply? Jackson Co has a system but they have their own trail pass to support their system.

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Council members' matters

- None

9. Other matters that may come before the Council

- Rob and Bryan will form an ad hoc to contemplate recommendations to maintenance and more on trails shared with ATV-trails

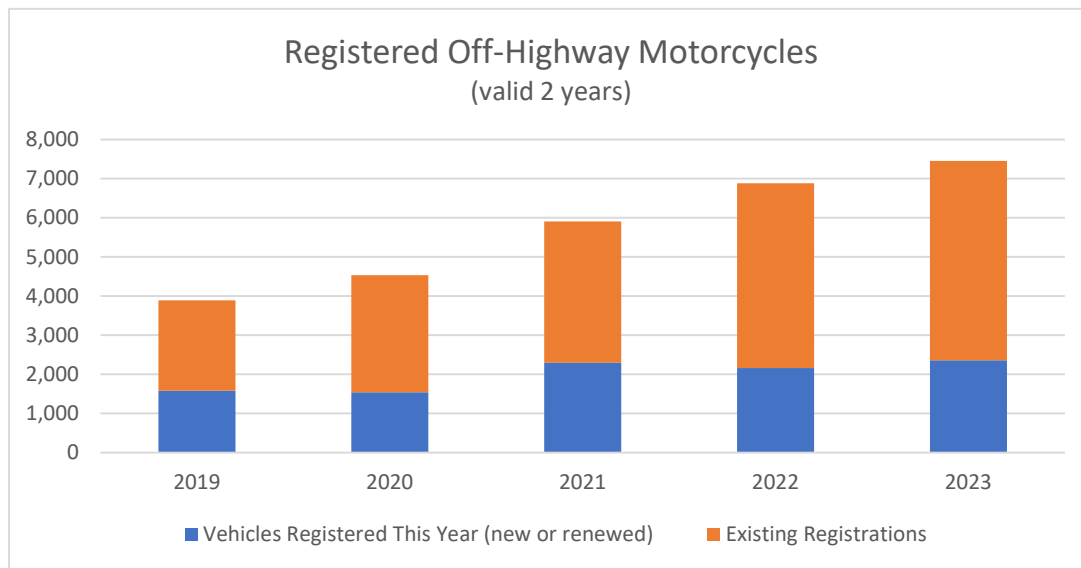
10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jeff, 2nd by Rob. Motion carries.

Off-Highway Motorcycle Vehicle Registrations

	Registered OHM in Wisconsin				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Vehicles Registered This Year (new or renewed)	1,586	1,539	2,299	2,161	2,362
Existing Registrations	2,308	2,994	3,612	4,721	5,095
Total Active Registrations	3,894	4,533	5,911	6,882	7,457

Registrations expire March 31st annually. Number represents totals as of March 31 of that year

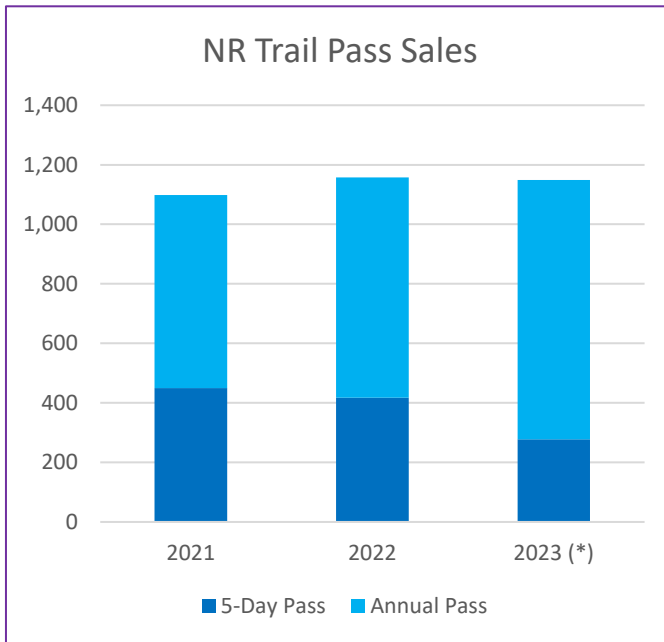


Non-Resident Trail Pass Sales

	2021	2022	2023 (*)
5-Day Pass	450	418	278
Annual Pass	648	739	871
TOTAL	1,098	1,157	1,149

(*) As of 9/18/2023

Aug, Sept & Oct typically are high sales months



OHM Budget - Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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

Program Balance \$ 508,518.50

Budget per Spending Cap \$ 75,151.70

Inaccessible at this time... \$ 433,366.80

Applications:

	Request	Funded
OHM Existing Maintenance	\$ 4,848.30	\$ 4,848.30
OHM NEW Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -
OHM Development	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,700.00
OHM Rehabilitation	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
OHM Other	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 1,925.00

Totals: \$ 19,973.30 \$ 19,973.30

Budget Remaining: \$ 55,178.40

OHM Trail Maintenance (Previously Approved)

County/System	Shared or OHM-Only	Rec Park? (Y/N)	User Fee?	OHM-Only Miles	Shared Miles	Trail Surplus	Per-Mile	Total Maint
Douglas County	OHM Only	N	N	6	0	1000	318	\$ 1,318.00
Tigerton, Village of	Both	Y	Y	9.4	8.1	0	903.2	\$ 903.20
Vilas County	OHM Only	N	N	30.7	0	1000	1627.1	\$ 2,627.10
Total				46.1	8.1			\$ 4,848.30

2023-2024 Off-Highway Motorcycle Development Requests

Region	County	Description	Component	Costs	Total	Approved	Question/Answer
NER	Tigerton	The Village of Tigerton is requesting an increase to their existing 2021 grant for development of an OHM bridge that connects a 2.5 mile OHM trail to an 8.5 mile OHM trail. The request is to increase the grant amount from \$49,3000.00 to \$55,000.00 which is a \$5,700 increase. This project did not move as fast as planned due to staff turnover within the village of Tigerton and additional permitting needs. The wetland survey and permits have now been completed.	Cost Increase	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700 After Cost Share: \$5,700	Rob, Craig
			Culvert				
			Equipment				
			Labor				
			Gates				
			Signs				
			Other				
			Trail Surplus				
			Per Mile		\$5,700		
			\$5,700				

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Region	County	Description	Component	Costs	Total	Approved	Question/Answer
NER	Kewaunee	Kewaunee County is requesting funds to rehab approx 1 mile of trail at the OHV Park. The request is split 50/50 with ATV	Bridge	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	Mitch, Rob
			Culvert		After Cost Share:		
			Equipment		\$7,500		
			Labor				
			Gates				
			Signs				
Other		\$7,500					
		Other funds received, requested, or committed?					
		Yes or No:	Yes	Amount:	\$ 7,500.00		
		Ppublic or Private	Public	Shared or OHM-Only?	Yes		
		Rec Park? (Y/N)	Yes	User Fee Charged?	Yes		
					\$7,500		
					\$7,500	\$7,500	

2023-2024 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	Mitch, Craig		
			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			