



Minutes (Adopted)

ATV Subcommittee Business Meeting and Site Visit

Committee Members in Attendance: Tim Custer, Chair; Rod Roberts, Vice-Chair; Steve Doane; Wade Bryant; Pat Harris; Forest Bohall; and Vicki Ramming

Staff in Attendance: Wayne Rawlins, Roger Roper, Ron Price, Mike Law, and Pamela Berger

Others in Attendance: Skip Moddrell; Tom Harris; Brian Hibden, Coos County Dunes Volunteer; Craig Hawkins; and Cam Perry, Coos County Commissioner

May 2, 2012

Chair Custer called the meeting to order at noon

New agenda items: Sound issues brought up at Law Enforcement workshop and funding and budget issues. Legislative session ended therefore unfunded projects may be paid for.

Working lunch

Review Agenda/New Business

Introduction of two new committee members

Congratulations and welcome to our newest members, Vicki Ramming as the Disabilities Representative and Forest Bohall as the Class IV Representative, whose nominations were accepted at the April OPRD Commission meeting.

Vicki brings a wealth of ATV experience and knowledge both as a rider and as the former COHVOPS program manager. Forest is a long-time member and treasurer of the Motorcycle Riders Association (MRA) and has played an integral role in the southern Oregon OHV community. We are fortunate to have Vicki and Forest serve as both Advisory Committee and Grant Subcommittee members.

Introduction of Roger Roper Asst. Director for Heritage Community Programs.

Pre-Approval of March 6-7-2012 meeting minutes

No objections. Will bring back to next full committee meeting.

Overview of April 18 & 19, 2012 Law Enforcement Workshop

Wayne Rawlins: The grants training included the new online application process. The LGGP small grant review is successfully using the new online software, developed by OPRD. All information is stored in the OPRD database. Tim Custer noted that didn't have internet access at home.

OPRD staff will hold workshops in the fall for applicants and committee members to learn the new online system.

General Discussion

Sound Training for attendees at law enforcement workshop.

Law enforcement workshop; law enforcement and agency reps held panel discussion of various law enforcement issues such as encumbrance, location of ATV sticker (permit), side x side training, etc. Scenario training was also conducted.

Working lunch

Forest Bohall: Protection Officers (FPOs) and land manager training could be separate.

Rod Roberts: Networking is one advantage of having a workshop.

Ron Price: Would like to hold a land manager's workshop to address state-wide issues such as travel management and signing issue. May involve NOHVCC participation to learn what other states are doing with side x sides issues. Problems include narrow bridges and trails (under 50 inches).

Rod Roberts: Discussed road closure issues; land managers think if posted at their office or website, that is good enough for law enforcement.

Forest Bohall: Class IV roads don't meet 50 inch wheel base.

Ron Price: That's why they need to use Class II trails.

Tim Custer: Land managers can filter the requirements (i.e. limit width and/or weight).

Law Enforcement Quarterly Report

Rod Roberts: We started using the previous form because it better reflected what law enforcement actually does, which includes other criminal activities. Committee wants a bigger picture.

Steve Doane: Still need to see some form of separation.

Wade Bryant: Could add additional category stated "other" need continuity.

Pat Harris: Wants to see that they are using their funds for ATV related activities.

Wade Bryant: Can those two forms be merged into one document?

Ron Price: Rod has merged his information into an Excel format; can send out to members for review.

Roger Roper: Talked about internal efficiencies by changing Law Enforcement grant agreements to interagency agreements.

Tim Custer: Agrees it would be more efficient. However by going this direction there may not be any oversight by the committee. Notes that with the inter-agency agreement that OPRD has with OPS include reporting requirements.

Roger Roper: Before an agency would be eligible for an inter-agency agreement they would have to prove to the committee that their project was creditable.

Tim Custer: Has no idea what the state police is doing for the ATV community since they never have made a presentation.

Rod Roberts: Feels assured that we are getting our bang for the buck due to Wayne ensuring they step up to the plate. Rod offers to review stats and build in a mechanism, such as providing update reports.

Roger Roper: We could create a separate subcommittee to review inter-agency agreements. We now have them with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Tillamook State Forest (TSF) projects and the Oregon State Police (OSP).

Wade Bryant: We need to develop criteria that include the number of miles covered.

Rod Roberts: Concerned about holding agencies accountable.

Ron Price: We will use a base budget and their track record. OPRD is responsible for making sure those funds are being used as defined. We can further discuss this at a future meeting.

Break

Introduction of Cam Perry Coos County Commissioner.

Class II & IV scoring criteria

Ron Price: Provided the committee with a handout of the Forest Service trail standards. These are development classes, not ATV classes.

Vicki Ramming: thinks class II and IV should be separated for purposes of scoring. Word smiting done on language.

Wayne Rawlins: No estimates have been determined at this time for the estimated 2013-15 budget.

96db sound limit

Members agreed it would be more manageable to have a state-wide limit. The Forest Service has indicated they would raise their limit from 93 to 96. Having statewide variances becomes an issue for law enforcement officers and land managers. Many other states have a state-wide 96 limit. This group needs to work with DEQ since this is under their statutes and administrative rules. Or we could request that those statutes be moved from DEQ to OPRD. The motor vehicle laws are located in ORS 821. An advocacy group could take the concept to a legislator. This committee has already gone on the record in support of a state-wide 96db limit. This committee nor OPRD has the authority to propose this change.

Set fall meeting dates, work session, and ATV Grant application

-Sept. 5, 6, & 7, 2012 in Eastern Oregon - ATV Grant Subcommittee meeting, work session and site visits (later cancelled)

- October 11, 2012 - Grant committee training for new online grant applications

-September 25 – October 4, 2012 – State-wide applicant training schedule

-2013 grant application timeline

-February 2013 grant committee meeting schedule

Tim Custer: Will there be a full Advisory Committee meeting in January 2013? When does the committee need to report back to Legislature?

Wayne Rawlins: No reporting to the legislature is required at this point. If the DHS study shows a problem in an area that needs to be addressed, the Committee can meet and formulate recommendations.

May 3, 2012
Riley Ranch Area Site Visit

Following the business meeting members and guests toured the Riley Ranch OHV area which has been partially funded through four various OPRD grants, including the purchase of 135 acres from an ATV grant in 2002. The tour included facilities at Riley Ranch, camping cabins, bridge, training area, motocross track, working lunch at Riley, the north dunes area to the Ten Mile Creek - Spinreel area, and the south dunes to Hauser – Horsfall road area.

Chair Custer adjourned the business meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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