

Meeting Minutes South Dakota Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council

June 25, 2015, Room 208, Foss Building, Pierre, S.D.

1. Call to Order

K. Kinsman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Kitty Kinsman (Bicycling), Dave Sweet (Snowmobile), DeEtte Goss (OHV) and Ken Buhler (Hiking)

Members Absent: Jeff Johnson (OHV)

State Park Staff Present: Doug Hofer, Randy Kittle, Al Nedved

Guests Present: Mark Hoines (FHWA), Bonnie Jones (USFS Black Hills National Forest), Jason Brengle (USFS Fall River District), Telca Paprocki (USFS Fall River District)

3. Agenda Approval

A motion was made by D. Sweet and seconded by K. Buhler to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by D. Sweet and seconded by D. Goss to approve the minutes from the RTP Advisory Council's June 13, 2014 meeting held at the Foss Building, Pierre, SD. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Overview of Active Projects

FY12 & FY13 projects are nearing completion.

FY14 local projects have been given notice to proceed. Finishing clearance issues on a couple State Park projects.

6. Motorized Proposals & Funding Recommendations

The group reviewed the following list of motorized proposals:

Black Hills Trail Groomer: Purchase a replacement Tucker Sno-Cat for the state operated snowmobile trail system in the Black Hills. Transfer current unit from the Black Hills trail system to the East River trail system to replace older unit to be declared surplus.

ISC Educational Sessions: International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) will be hosted in Deadwood, SD in June, 2016. These funds would be used to assist in sponsoring educational sessions during this conference.

OHV Study/Planning: Prepare for the possible implementation of a State OHV program to come after the next Legislative session. Challenge will go out to the OHV community to see if they can come up with the match needed for this project.

Fall River District (USFS), Railroad Buttes OHV Trailhead: Develop a trailhead including a gravel parking lot with fence, vault toilet and informational kiosk.

Hell Canyon District (USFS), Motorized Trail Maintenance & Improvement Crew: Hire 2 seasonal employees for the summers of 2016 & 2017 to accomplish trail maintenance activities to provide better trails.

Mystic District (USFS), Install 4 Trailhead Kiosks: Install trailhead information kiosks at: Newton, Pine Grove, Schroeder and Shanks Trailheads.

Mystic District (USFS), Trail Maintenance & Improvement Crew: Hire 2 seasonal employees for the summers of 2016 & 2017 to accomplish trail maintenance activities to provide better trails.

Northern Hills District (USFS), Develop 3 Motorized Trailheads: Develop motorized trailheads at Rile Hill, Spearfish Quarry and Stageyard. Purchase volunteer supplies.

Northern Hills District (USFS), Trail Maintenance & Improvement Crew: Hire 4 seasonal employees for the summers of 2016 & 2017 to accomplish trail maintenance activities. Purchase volunteer supplies.

Jason Brengle, USFS Fall River District gave a presentation of the Railroad Butte proposal.

Bonnie Jones, USFS Black Hills National Forest gave a presentation on the Hell Canyon, Mystic and Northern Hills District proposals.

Jason Brengle, Telca Paprocki and Bonnie Jones left the meeting.

The group discussed the proposals and drafted the list of recommendations found at the end of the meeting minutes. If the OHV community cannot come up with the \$10,000 needed to match the OHV Study/Planning Project, those funds will be shifted to the purchase of a replacement Tucker for the snowmobile program.

Motion was made by D. Sweet to accept the list as detailed. Second was made by K. Buhler and passed by majority. D. Goss opposed allocation of Motorized dollars as outlined on the attached list.

D. Hofer suggested R. Kittle ask USFS to identify some definable goals/accomplishments for the seasonal trail crews under these grant requests.

The RTP Advisory Council might consider holding the 2016 RTP Advisory Council meeting in the Black Hills to see the accomplishments the USFS is making in the Black Hills National Forest with the RTP grant funds.

7. Non-Motorized Proposals & Funding Proposals

The group reviewed the following list of non-motorized proposals:

George S. Mickelson Trail Maintenance: Maintenance of the trail surface on the popular 109 mile trail system in the Black Hills.

Angostura Recreation Area Bike Trail Extension: Develop a new section of paved bike trail at Angostura Recreation Area.

Good Earth State Park Overlook & Interpretive Platforms: Additional funding for the development of the trail system at Good Earth State Park, including construction of trail surfacing overlooks and platforms which will protect resources and provide a safe experience for trail users.

Lake Thompson Recreation Area West Trail Extension: Construct aggregate trail along the lakeshore west of the day use area of the park. This trail will be located on the bench above the shoreline stabilization work that has been completed.

Custer State Park Centennial Trail Repair: Repair portions of the Centennial Trail that run up the slope and have eroded over a period of time. Reroute trail to follow terrain contours and minimize future erosion problems.

Custer State Park Lovers Leap Trail Repair: Repair and reroute sections of this popular trail to make the trail experience more enjoyable.

Spearfish Falls Trail, Phase II: This area is being acquired by GF&P and the existing trail system is in need of maintenance and improvement to safely meet the needs of the public wanting to experience this scenic area.

City of Aberdeen, Northwest Trail Resurfacing: Resurface approximately 5,230' of asphalt bike trail in the northwest portion of town, near Wylie Park.

City of Crooks, Sunset Park Walking Path Phase 2: The city of Crooks is proposing to construct the second portion of a paved trail in Sunset Park. This will complete the loop.

City of Pierre, Restoration of Causeway Trail: Replace approximately 750' of concrete trail from the amphitheater to the fishing pier, along the East side of the causeway. This trail was destroyed in the 2011 Missouri River Flood.

City of Sturgis, Fort Mead Park Trail: Construct approximately 2.5 miles of aggregate trail behind Fort Meade that will connect to the existing city trail system.

City of Worthing, Worthing Recreational Trail Phase I: Construct approximately 1,875' of paved trail in a loop around part of the city park.

City of Hot Springs, Freedom's Trail Improvement Project: Make various improvements along the trail including surface repair, bank stabilization and other improvements.

City of Britton, Britton Activity Path: Construct approximately 1,350' concrete trail through the city park

City of Webster, Webster Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 7,375' of concrete trail around the golf course and soccer complex.

Charles Mix County Lake Restoration Organization, Lake Andes Park Avenue Recreational Trail: Construct approximately 5,000' of aggregate recreational trail around the southwest portion of Lake Andes.

The group discussed the proposals and came up with the list of recommendations found at the end of the minutes.

The group wants to challenge the City of Pierre to come up with an alternate plan for the Restoration of the Causeway Trail Proposal that does not include so many large retaining wall blocks. Discussion centered on the number of large concrete retaining wall block the city is proposing to install to complete this project in relation to the amount of concrete needed to reestablish the trail. The Council would like to see D. Hofer and R. Kittle approve a new plan by the City of Pierre for them to be awarded the funds as proposed. If the City decides they do not want to offer an alternate plan for the reduced amount of funding, these funds can be offered to the City of Aberdeen for completion of Phase I of the Northwest Trail Resurfacing proposal.

Motion was made by K. Buhler to accept the list as detailed. Second was made by D. Goss and passed unanimously.

8. Reallocation of FY12 & FY13 Funds

There are non-motorized funds available due to project costs coming in below approved grant amounts and a withdrawn project in the City of Winner that have made \$112,600 available to reallocate to projects.

There is a proposal by GFP to reduce funds allocated to the Mickelson-Mt. Rushmore Connector Trail Project by \$225,000.

Recommendations for reallocating these balances can be found at the end of the minutes.

Motion was made by D. Sweet to approve reallocation of these FY12 & F13 funds as proposed. Second was made by K. Buhler and passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by D. Sweet and was seconded by K. Buhler to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Reallocation of FY12 Funds

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
SD GF&P	Spearfish Falls Phase II	\$ 116,750	\$ 93,400	\$ 93,400
SD GF&P	Lake Thompson West Trail Extension	\$ 24,000	\$ 19,200	\$ 19,200
	Total	\$ 140,750	\$ 112,600	\$ 112,600

Reallocation of FY13 Funds

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
SD GF&P	Good Earth Overlook & Interpretive Platforms	\$ 184,250	\$ 147,400	\$ 147,400
SD GF&P	CSP Centennial Trail Repair	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000
SD GF&P	CSP Lovers Leap Trail Repair	\$ 45,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
SD GF&P	Lake Poinsett Trail Improvements	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,600
	Total	\$ 184,250	\$ 147,400	\$ 147,400

Approved Funding Recommendations FY15

Motorized Projects

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
+SD GF&P	OHV Study/Planning	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
++SD GF&P	Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer	\$ 210,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 24,380
SD GF&P	ISC Educational Sessions	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
USFS Fall River	Railroad Buttes Trailhead	\$ 126,850	\$ 94,550	\$ 94,550
USFS Hell Canyon	Seasonal Trail Crew	\$ 51,681	\$ 41,120	\$ 41,120
USFS Mystic	4 Trailhead Kiosks	\$ 26,606	\$ 18,915	\$ 18,915
USFS Mystic	Seasonal Trail Crew	\$ 49,384	\$ 39,507	\$ 39,507
USFS Northern Hills	3 Motorized Trailheads	\$ 118,574	\$ 93,195	\$ 69,000
USFS Northern Hills	Seasonal Trail Crew	\$ 83,592	\$ 66,873	\$ 63,000
	Total	\$ 726,687	\$ 570,160	\$ 398,472

+Funds offered to OHV Study/Planning. If OHV community cannot raise the necessary match, these funds will be offered to the purchase of a Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer.

++The funds to purchase a Replacement Snowmobile Trail Groomer will be increased if the match cannot be raised for the OHV Study/Planning project.

Non-Motorized Projects

Sponsor	Project Scope	Project Cost	RTP Request	Recommended Funding
SD GF&P	Mickelson Trail M&O	\$ 135,000	\$ 106,800	\$ 106,800
SD GF&P	Angostura Bike Trail Extension	\$ 300,000	\$ 240,000	\$ 240,000
City of Crooks	Sunset Park Walking Path Phase 2	\$ 117,852	\$ 77,783	\$ 77,783
City of Hot Springs	Freedom's Trail Improvement Project	\$ 22,825	\$ 18,260	\$ 9,000
City of Sturgis	Fort Meade Trail	\$ 369,793	\$ 295,650	\$ 250,000
City of Worthing	Worthing Recreational Trail Phase I	\$ 201,520	\$ 161,217	\$ 161,217
USFS Mystic	Seasonal Trail Crew	\$ 12,346	\$ 9,876	\$ 8,000
USFS Northern Hills	Seasonal Trail Crew	\$ 20,898	\$ 16,718	\$ 14,000
* City of Pierre	Causeway Trail Restoration Phase I	\$ 190,300	\$ 150,300	\$ 62,967
**City of Aberdeen	Northwest Trail Resurfacing	\$ 172,000	\$ 137,600	\$ 62,967
City of Britton	Britton Activity Path	\$ 145,000	\$ 110,243	\$ 0
City of Webster	Webster Recreational Trail	\$ 713,135	\$ 570,508	\$ 0
Charles Mix Lake Restoration Assoc.	Park Avenue Recreational Trail	\$ 2,322,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 0
	Total	\$ 4,722,669	\$1,964,955	\$ 929,767

*Funds were offered to the City of Pierre. If City of Pierre declines, funds would be offered to the City of Aberdeen.

**Funds were offered to the City of Aberdeen after the City of Pierre declined funds. Aberdeen will accept these funds.