NORTH DAKOTA Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee (RTPAC) Meeting April 16, 2018

PRESENT:

- RTPAC Members, Non-Motorized---Dave Burns, Curt Glasoe, Alicia Hoffarth, Dave Mayer, Karen Ryberg; Motorized---Todd Thronson, Keri Wanner, Nick Lippert
- NDPRD-Matt Gardner, Kevin Stankiewicz, Lisa Engebretson
- FHWA-Sandy Zimmer, Stephanie Hickman
- **NDDOT** Pam Wenger

ABSENT: Steve Burke (Non-Motorized)

Ranking	Project Sponsor	Project Name	Total Project Amount	Grant Amount	Average
1	North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department	FALSP Trail	\$95,600.00	\$76,480.00	13.78
2	USDA Forest Service	MDHT Improvements	\$60,000.00	\$48,000.00	13.11
3	Hunter Arthur JPA Park Board	Northern Cass Pass	\$124,000.00	\$99,200.00	13.00
4	North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department	Kayak Accessibility Project	\$26,000.00	\$20,800.00	12.00
5	Morton County Water Resource District	Harmon Lake Rec Area Trail Expansion	\$149,910.00	\$119,928.00	10.89
6	LaMoure Park Board	Sunset Park Revitalization Project	\$290,212.00	\$200,000.00	9.00
7	Morton County Parks	Lewis and Clark Trailside Facilities (Entzel Acres Park)	\$64,501.00	\$51,600.80	8.44
8	Devils Lake Park Board	Devils Lake Bike Path Restoration Project	\$47,100.00	\$37,680.00	8.33
9	Snowmobile North Dakota	2019 Snowmobile Program Update	\$211,500.00	\$169,200.00	8.22
10	City of Belfield	Belfield Dam Walking/Bike Trail Restoration	\$139,940.50	\$111,952.40	8.00
11	City of Cavalier	Cavlandic Trail Repair	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	7.78
12	Lincoln Park District	Shared Use Path West Extension	\$301,800.00	\$200,000.00	7.00
13	City of Fargo	Upper Trail Project	\$57,000.00	\$45,600.00	6.22
14	City of Beach	Multi Use Trail Phase III	\$249,809.00	\$199,846.94	6.00
15	City of Ellendale	Dakota Prairie Walking Trail	\$401,000.00	\$200,000.00	5.89
16	Bismarck Parks and Recreation District	Cottonwood Park North Trail Improvements	\$332,494.50	\$200,000.00	5.44
17	City of Fargo	Coulee's Crossing/Drain 53 Shared Use Path	\$250,000.00	\$175,000.00	5.00
18	City of Horace	County Road 17 Shared Use Path-Phase II	\$293,020.00	\$200,000.00	4.89
			\$3,493,887.00	\$2,355,288.14	
			AVAILABLE	\$930,000.00	

Meeting commenced at 1:00 P.M. CST

There are currently 18 projects that have requested Grant money. Kevin Stankiewicz handed out the project ranking scores for all the projects.

Karen Ryberg noted there are more and more projects asking for money for sidewalks. LaMoure, Beach, and Ellendale all had sidewalks in their request.

Business

Curt motioned to leave the sidewalk in there on the LaMoure project with no minimum and we will work with them. Motion was seconded by Dave Burns. Roll call vote.

No – Dave M.

No - Alicia

No - Nick

No - Karen

No - Todd

Yes - Curt

Yes - Keri

Yes - Dave B.

Motion failed 5 - no, 3 - yes.

Dave Mayer motioned to remove LaMoure from this year's application and provide them with feedback on sidewalks and provide guideline requirement of an 8-foot minimum width on paved shared use paths in the application to avoid sidewalk projects being submitted. Motion was seconded by Nick Lippert. Motion passed.

<u>Business</u>

Morton County Water Resource District application requested equipment for fat tire trail grooming which lead to discussion on American Steel certified products.

Curt Glasoe motioned we approve the Morton County Water Resource District project without the equipment. Motion was seconded by Dave Mayer. Roll call vote.

Motion failed. 5 - no, 3 - yes.

No - Dave B.

No - Alicia

No - Nick

No – Karen

No - Todd

Yes - Dave M.

Yes - Curt

Yes - Keri

Nick motioned for the project to go through with the equipment giving the sponsor the ability to secure a product that meets the American Steel requirements. Motion was seconded by Alicia. Motion passed.

Business

Morton County Parks project application drew discussion from FHWA. The way the application reads, the shelter and the electricity to the shelter are not eligible because the shelter may be rented by someone for a non-trail related

purpose and if/when this happens, then the shelter is not available to a trail user. The amenities must be dedicated to the trail user only and generally a picnic shelter does not pass the red face test when federal funds are being contributed. Campgrounds are a similar example of something FHWA will unequivocally not fund. There are instances where shelters/campgrounds may receive funding (i.e. amenity located 5 miles from the trailhead). This particular project does not qualify for funding of the shelter.

Dave Mayer motioned we approve the Morton County Parks project but exclude the shelter and concrete associated with the shelter and the electrical associated with the shelter. Motion was seconded by Curt Glasoe. Motion passed.

A revised project estimate will be requested of the project sponsor.

Business

Nick Lippert motioned to approve all projects as amended with inclusion of Cavalier. He amended the motion to include further consideration for remaining funds available (funds available from the Morton County Parks project that will be reduced due to exclusion of shelter, concrete and electrical) be applied first to Hunter Arthur Northern Cass Pass, as well as the City of Fargo upper trail project, with priority to Hunter Arthur first. The 40/30/30 split was not adhered to this application cycle and the motorized funds used for non-motorized projects will be banked for the next application cycle. Motion was seconded by Curt Glasoe. Motion passed.

Funding and the order priority of projects are confirmed. Research on trail width will be conducted after the meeting and the future role and involvement of the RTPAC will also be discussed. The RTPAC was interested in having another meeting during the year and hosting the meeting at the ND Trails Conference was a possibility. It was also suggested more project information gathering be done prior to the RTPAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M. CST