

Recreational Trails Program Advisory Committee Annual Meeting March 4, 2014

Those present were: Matt Gardner, Kevin Stankiewicz, Tyler Jacobson, Mike Burke, Kathy Stremick, Keri Wanner, Dave Vad, Curt Glasoe, Alicia Hoffarth, Kari Steier, Ben Kubischta, Pam Wenger, Sandy Zimmer, Victor Evjen, and Jim Peterson.

Those absent: Curt Vanek (out of state), and Mark Liebig (at a work conference).

New committee members: Jim Peterson (replaces Mike Burke), and Victor Evjen (replaces Curt Vanek).

Tyler Jacobson accepted another 3 year term.

2014 Project Ranking

<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Trail Description</u>	<u>Avg Score</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<u>Morton Co Water Resource District</u>	<u>Harmon Lake Recreation Area Trail Expansion</u>	<u>new singletrack</u>	<u>14.7</u>	<u>67,224.00</u>	<u>84,030.00</u>
<u>NDPRD</u>	<u>Pembina Gorge non-motorized Phase II</u>	<u>new trail being added to existing trail</u>	<u>13.4</u>	<u>80,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
<u>Bottineau Park District</u>	<u>Forestry Park</u>	<u>new trail, phase 1 of multi-use trail through nature park</u>	<u>11.5</u>	<u>162,904.00</u>	<u>203,630.00</u>
<u>Hunter/Arthur JPA Park Board</u>	<u>Northern Cass Pass Rails to Trails</u>	<u>new trail on abandoned railroad line</u>	<u>11.3</u>	<u>66,604.00</u>	<u>83,256.00</u>
<u>NDPRD</u>	<u>Little Missouri State Park trail rehab</u>	<u>renovation, rehab, reroutes</u>	<u>10.8</u>	<u>97,578.00</u>	<u>121,973.00</u>
<u>USDA Forest Service</u>	<u>Maah Daah Hey 2014</u>	<u>surfacing on southern extension</u>	<u>10.8</u>	<u>126,104.00</u>	<u>157,630.00</u>
<u>NDPRD</u>	<u>Cross Country Ski Trail Groomers</u>	<u>Cross Country Ski Trail Groomers</u>	<u>10.5</u>	<u>27,200.00</u>	<u>34,000.00</u>
<u>USDA Forest Service</u>	<u>Maah Daah Hey 2015</u>	<u>surfacing on southern extension</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>119,771.00</u>	<u>205,313.00</u>
<u>NDPRD</u>	<u>Pembina Gorge Armoring Project</u>	<u>addressing erosion issues</u>	<u>9.8</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>
<u>SND</u>	<u>SND Program Upgrades 2014</u>	<u>equipment update</u>	<u>9.7</u>	<u>150,750.00</u>	<u>188,500.00</u>
<u>NDPRD</u>	<u>Turtle Mt. OHV Trails</u>	<u>build trailhead area</u>	<u>9.5</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
<u>Bismarck Park District</u>	<u>Edgewood Shared Use Path-East Segment 2</u>	<u>3rd and final segment, connect to new H.S.</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>104,644.00</u>	<u>130,806.00</u>
<u>USDA Forest Service</u>	<u>Sheyenne National Grassland-Jorgen's Hollow</u>	<u>trailhead expansion, campground trails</u>	<u>9.2</u>	<u>55,018.00</u>	<u>68,773.00</u>
<u>NDPRD</u>	<u>Turtle Mt. State Forest</u>	<u>sustainable trail building and armoring, trail rerouting, connecting routes, trailhead</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>72,000.00</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>
<u>City of Beach</u>	<u>City of Beach Multi-Use Path Phase II</u>	<u>new trail to join with phase I constructed trail</u>	<u>8.8</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>497,000.00</u>
<u>SND</u>	<u>SND Program Upgrades 2015</u>	<u>equipment update</u>	<u>8.1</u>	<u>160,787.50</u>	<u>201,000.00</u>
<u>City of Milnor</u>	<u>Milnor Multi-Use Path to Park/Pool</u>	<u>new path to park</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>71,040.00</u>	<u>88,800.00</u>

<u>Watford City Park District</u>	<u>Koser Field walking path</u>	<u>extension of walking path between park and field</u>	<u>7.3</u>	<u>104,668.00</u>	<u>130,835.00</u>
<u>Casselton Park District</u>	<u>Tinta Tawa Park resurfacing</u>	<u>trail resurface (also parking lot-eligible?)</u>	<u>6.2</u>	<u>126,080.00</u>	<u>157,600.00</u>
<u>Mountrail County Fair Board</u>	<u>Little Knife River Trail</u>	<u>construct trailhead facility and equestrian trails</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>16,028.00</u>	<u>20,035.00</u>
<u>City of LaMoure</u>	<u>East Side Pedestrian Trail</u>	<u>extension of walk/bike trail within city</u>	<u>5.4</u>	<u>104,000.00</u>	<u>130,000.00</u>
<u>NDSU Extension Service</u>	<u>North Dakota 4-H Camp</u>	<u>enhance 1.5 miles of walking/riding trails</u>	<u>5.2</u>	<u>28,800.00</u>	<u>36,000.00</u>

There are currently 22 projects that have requested Grant money. Kevin Stankiewicz handed out the Project ranking scores for all projects. Ben Kubischta noted that the DOT people are not allowed to vote, so the scores do not include any DOT ratings.

Of the 22 projects, 2 of them do not qualify. The ND 4-H Camp is not open to the public, which disqualifies them from receiving Grant money. The City of LaMoure project is a sidewalk going to a business, which disqualifies them also.

Sandy Zimmer noted that the butterfly project would probably not be an eligible project. It was noted if equipment is bought with RTP funds, it has to be used on the trails.

If the money is not used, it goes back to the DOT for roads and etc. The Governor can opt out of RTP if he chooses, but has chosen to opt in.

Kevin Stankiewicz listed the 2015 start dates for the following projects. Edgewood, Beach, Milnor, Pembina Gorge, SND Program Upgrades 2015, and Maah Daah Hey 2015.

Matt Gardner discussed Title VI. What it means to us is that any company that has volunteer labor, we have to buy their materials for them.

Business

Dave Vad motioned to remove total of Part C (\$6,333.00) in the Maah Daah Hey Trail Project 2014, but leave in equipment. Motion seconded by Tyler Jacobson. Motion passes.

Business

Kathy Stremick motioned to fund all projects, dependent upon funding, with the exception of the Casselton project, to fund the trail but not the parking lot, unless it is the main trail head parking lot. Matt Gardner will follow up on that. And on the Mountrail project, to fund all but the butterfly garden, birdhouses, soil, flowers, and trees. The ND 4-H Camp project and the City of LaMoure project do not qualify. Motion seconded by Dave Vad. Motion passes.

August 4th & 5th is the ND Trails Conference in Grand Forks, Pembina Gorge, & Turtle River State Park.

Fed Hwy

Sandy Zimmer said Map 21 is coming to a head. Obama has proposed 206 billion for transportation. As we had the financial crisis, using money and using it timely is key. They are starting to question that. They are very scrutinizing when there is no activity within 12 months from the day it was obligated. Also, extensions are being scrutinized. Fed Hwy is pushing periodical reimbursement every few months to request payments.

Sept. 30, 2014 is the end of transportation legislation.

2:15 Meeting Adjourned