

Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
SLC Public Works, Large Conference Room
January 26, 2026

Board Members Present: Paul McDonald (St. Louis County Commissioner), Mike Jugovich (St. Louis County), Ricky Roche (Koochiching County Commissioner)

Others Present: Jason Chopp, Ron Potter, Eric Fallstrom, Jeff Anderson, Bruce Beste, Jim Pehl, Chris Rokke, Ray Howard, Jamie Kilgore, Jim Olcott, Jason Meyer, Tom Daugherty, Dennis Hendricks, Jim Beauregard, Tim Engrav, Nathan Heibel

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
 - Meeting called to order by Chair McDonald at 2:01 PM

- II. **Agenda Approval:**
 - Commissioner Jugovich/Roche motioned to approve the meeting agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously (3-0)

- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 1, 2026**
 - Jugovich/Roche motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
 - Motion carried unanimously (3-0)

- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - None

- V. **Regular Agenda:**
 1. Legislative and Funding Update
 - General update from Jeff Anderson. Legislative session starts 2/17.
 - LCCMR applications are open with March due date.
 - Discussion regarding ATV fee increase challenges.
 2. Statewide Master Plan Update
 - Master plan is now complete and released by the DNR on their website.
 - [Off-Highway Vehicle \(OHV\) strategic master plans | Minnesota DNR](#)
 3. 2026 Legislative Summit Recap
 - Well attended. Only projects that were prioritized were the bonding bill requests. Fee increase, ATV definition, and north shore opening were determined to be legislative priorities.

 4. **2026 Meeting Schedule**
 - January 26, 2026

 - ~~February 23, 2026~~ – Canceled due to schedule conflicts

- ~~March 16, 2026~~ – Changed to March 2, 2026
- April 20, 2026
- May 18, 2026
- June 15, 2026
- ~~July 20, 2026~~ Changed to July 13, 2026
- August 17, 2026
- September 21, 2026
- October 19, 2026
- November 16, 2026
- December 21, 2026

5. Other

- Jason provided a reminder on upcoming IRRR trail funds forecast
- Commissioner McDonald to schedule an upcoming meeting with IRRR to discuss future funding.
- Jason Meyer provided an update on:
 - Recent Eagles Nest Township Ordinance
 - Discussion on Outdoor Heritage Grant (Potlatch) to the County and DNR.
- Bruce has an upcoming meeting with St Louis County to discuss signs for trails crossing county roads.
- Bruce provided an update on the clean-up bags project. Looking for 5 sponsors at \$750 each.

VI. Adjournment:

- Commissioner's Roche/Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 2:48pm. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).
- Next meeting will be held on March 2 at 2:00 pm at the St Louis County Public Works Office.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason J. Chopp.



Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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