

**Northeast Regional ATV Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes**  
**SLC Virginia Public Works Facility**  
**7823 Hwy 135, Virginia, MN**  
**September 18, 2023**

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

**Others Present:** Jason Chopp, Eric Fallstrom, Ron Potter, Jeff Mogush, Nathan Heibel, Kristin Anderson, Joe Majerus, Bruce Bestie, Jeff Anderson, Sara Thompson, Greg Pruszinske

- I. **Call To Order/Establishment of Quorum:**
  - Meeting called to order by McDonald at 2:01 PM
- II. **Agenda Approval:**
  - Commissioner’s Jugovich/Roche motioned to approve the meeting agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- III. **Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2023**
  - Commissioner’s Goutermont/Roche motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
  - The motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- IV. **Public Comments:**
  - Sara Thompson from Itasca County introduced herself. She works with ATV clubs for GIA trails. She is currently working with Keewatin Trail Runners on a trail development project from Keewatin to the Alborn Grade. Sara will be in touch with the JPB regarding any trail development in St. Louis County.
- V. **Regular Agenda:**
  1. Funding Update
    - Jeff provided an update regarding a meeting with IRRR as it pertains to FY24 trail applications. It was proposed that the JPB hold off on an application until July 2024 since the FY23 funds have not been spent yet. There are concerns that holding off on an FY24 application will not all the JPB to demonstrate their need for continued trail funding. There will be a follow up meeting to discuss further.
  2. Economic Impact Study
    - No updates. UMN provided additional survey cards. UMN will be at the Ride and Rally at Giants Ridge this weekend.
  3. Statewide Master Plan Update
    - No updates. Ron indicated that the DNR has recently hired a new planner. The DNR is hoping the plan will be ready for public review in 2 months.
  4. NE Regional Masterplan Update
    - No updates. Jason informed the group that comments have been received by all of the land agencies. The planning team will be compiling the comments for

review and provide plan edits as necessary. SEH hopes to have a draft plan developed in the next few months.

5. 2023 Ride and Rally – Giants Ridge
  - o VIP Ride is this Friday. Over 180 already registered with 360 registered for Saturday. Final preparations underway.
6. Other Items of Interest
  - o Bruce notified the group that there will be a public meeting in Duluth 9/21 to discuss the possible formation of a new ATV club.

VI. **Adjournment:**

- Commissioner's Roche/ Jugovich motioned to adjourn at 2:46 pm. Motion carried unanimously (4-0)
- Next meeting will be held on October 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the Virginia Public Works Vermilion Room.

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by Jason Chopp.



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Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chair

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