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Meeting Notice

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- Introductions
- DNR Report
- DNR Grants Report
- RTP Grants Report
- Member Organizations Report
- Next meeting date
- Adjourn

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IL Greenways & Trails Council

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Transcript from the Illinois Greenways & Trails Advisory Council
(edited only for clarity or ease for review this Transcript/Minutes)

10:22 am - 12:18 pm Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | (UTC-05:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

Those in attendance to the meeting:

James Kyte, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Stephen Letsky, IL Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Amy Madigan., Dale Brockamp, Lisa Cotner, Bob Appleman, Andrew Jenkins, Ann Fletcher, Gary Eicken; George Sisk, IL Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
Bryan Schmid, BiState Regional Planning Commission
Bill Brown, Illinois Association of Snowmobilers
Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois
Jay Hall, American Motorcycle Assn – IL
Hunter Hunter John Harris , Abate/Off Highway Vehicle Advisory Board
Tony Troyer, Horsemen's Council of Illinois
Caitlin Goodspeed, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Greg Miahlich, IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IDCEO)
Members of the public, Liz Porter, Emily Lauderdale and Terry Gerken

Amy Madigan 00:00:38.785 --> 00:00:40.015

Can you guys hear me today?

Amy Madigan 00:00:45.324 --> 00:00:45.924

Hi, everyone.

George Sisk 00:00:45.924 --> 00:00:47.724

As from the and our legal.

Amy Madigan 00:00:48.444 --> 00:00:52.494

Hi, George. Hello? All right.

Amy Madigan 00:00:53.965 --> 00:00:56.875

I'm so excited so far, all these people and it's working.

Amy Madigan 00:01:01.045 --> 00:01:06.505

Yeah, let's not celebrate. Yeah, something's I convince something.

Amy Madigan 00:01:13.560 --> 00:01:13.980

Right.

Amy Madigan 00:01:14.999 --> 00:01:19.404

Can ever everybody also see your chat function.

Terry Gerken 00:01:20.274 --> 00:01:20.844

Where is that?

Amy Madigan 00:01:21.714 --> 00:01:35.064

Should be over on the right hand side of your window. You should be you should see, maybe participants. If you change your view, possibly you should be able to see the.

Amy Madigan 00:01:35.184 --> 00:01:41.784

Sure, if you click on view, you can see show meeting controls or participant video panels.

Amy Madigan 00:02:00.804 --> 00:02:05.424

Wow, look at all these people.

Amy Madigan 00:02:13.224 --> 00:02:15.174

Greg Terry.

Amy Madigan 00:02:19.824 --> 00:02:20.874

Super exciting.

Amy Madigan 00:02:36.865 --> 00:02:47.479

Now, 1030, we're going to wait just a few more minutes. Hope everybody stay in warm, safe out. There. Start just started to snow again a little bit here.

Amy Madigan 00:02:53.964 --> 00:03:02.814

Okay, keep it down. So if you, I can chat with everyone. Has everybody seen the chat window yet or the chat function?

Amy Madigan 00:03:06.685 --> 00:03:09.625

Down in the corner yeah, there's a little chat button.

Amy Madigan 00:03:11.725 --> 00:03:31.717

And if you would, while we go through, once we get started, if you would just go ahead and type into that chat your name. So I make sure they're spelled right the organization and an email. If I don't have that. So, you can start doing that pretty much at any time and then we'll go around and pretty much have everybody.

Amy Madigan 00:03:31.799 --> 00:03:38.394

Introduce themselves, but to make sure that I have everybody's name spelled right? And such we can do that.

Amy Madigan 00:03:46.704 --> 00:03:59.934

And I'm gonna attempt to share my screen, so we can at least look at the agenda refer to that. So, thank you for everybody who's using that chat window appreciate that our meeting is being recorded as well.

Amy Madigan 00:04:02.039 --> 00:04:02.994

All right here we go.

Amy Madigan 00:04:30.144 --> 00:04:31.824

Okay, can everybody see the agenda.

JAY HALL00:04:33.804 --> 00:04:34.074

Yes.

JAY HALL00:04:34.584 --> 00:04:36.144

Yep. Okay awesome.

Amy Madigan 00:05:01.375 --> 00:05:13.885

So, we're going to let people join us here in the interest of time. Let's go ahead. And, and kind of get started with introductions and while I'm sure.

Amy Madigan 00:05:17.575 --> 00:05:20.125

There we go. Okay. Um.

Amy Madigan 00:05:22.319 --> 00:05:41.874

I'll start with myself, good morning. Everybody I'm Amy Madigan, Illinois Department of natural resources. I am in the office of Realty and capital planning on agreements, and trails, outreach coordinator, the RTP program liaison as well as the council liaison.

Amy Madigan 00:05:42.479 --> 00:05:48.160

And then let's go since I can see John in my Windows 100. John. Do you want to go ahead and go please?

Hunter John Harris 00:05:49.044 --> 00:05:52.974

Yeah, I'm Hunter John Harris , ABATE motorcycle rights group, and OHV advisory board. .

Amy Madigan 00:05:54.564 --> 00:05:57.024

Okay, I'm how about you, Jay?

JAY HALL00:05:59.039 --> 00:06:05.094

I am a association and also to be grant.

Amy Madigan 00:06:06.054 --> 00:06:09.414

All right? Bill Brown yes.

Bill Brown 00:06:09.924 --> 00:06:18.594

I'm Bill Brown I'm with the I see that Bill Association, Illinois clubs.

Amy Madigan 00:06:19.200 --> 00:06:22.525

Okay, how about Steve? Steve Letsky.

Stephen Letsky 00:06:24.145 --> 00:06:29.635

Good morning Steve with Illinois Department of transportation, bicycle policy engineer.

Amy Madigan 00:06:30.325 --> 00:06:36.685

Awesome Thank you. Let's go to Liz quarter.

Liz Porter 00:06:38.335 --> 00:06:39.355

Quarter, I.

Liz Porter 00:06:39.504 --> 00:06:43.284

Write horseback out at Madison mostly.

Hunter John Harris 00:06:44.724 --> 00:06:46.464

Interested in the trails up there.

Liz Porter 00:06:47.784 --> 00:06:48.744

I'm an equestrian volunteer.

Amy Madigan 00:06:49.164 --> 00:06:58.794

Okay, thank you.. All right, so you're 1 of our members of the public joining us today is that right? List? Yes.

Amy Madigan 00:06:59.520 --> 00:07:05.095

Okay, thank you. Let's go to Terry since we have another. I know we have another member of the public.

Terry Gerken 00:07:07.825 --> 00:07:27.115

Yes, and I'm just a simple farmer, but a outdoor recreation is I'm also a member of the American motorcyclist Association. They created some new positions and recreation committee. Conviction is 1 that I'm on.

Terry Gerken 00:07:28.105 --> 00:07:33.355

Kind of looking to learn a little more about the and our Council.

Amy Madigan 00:07:34.555 --> 00:07:42.865

Okay, great. I'm gonna see I'm going to kind of rolling through here. Bear with me a little bit. I see Caitlin. So Kayla why don't you go ahead.

Caitlin Goodspeed 00:07:43.405 --> 00:07:47.755

Sure. Hi, everyone. Good morning. My name is Caitlin. Good speed.

Caitlin Goodspeed 00:07:47.759 --> 00:07:53.244

Planner at, and I also head up our bike and pedestrian Taskforce.

Amy Madigan 00:07:53.424 --> 00:07:54.084

Awesome. Thanks.

Amy Madigan 00:07:54.774 --> 00:08:07.404

Greg, and I see you can you hear me? Yep. Yep. Great. How I shall anoint off the tourism. Awesome. And now I see Tony. Hello.

TonyTroyer 00:08:07.919 --> 00:08:09.894

Horseman's Council of Illinois.

Amy Madigan 00:08:11.724 --> 00:08:13.164

All right and then Andrew.

Amy Madigan 00:08:21.895 --> 00:08:23.275

Andrew Jenkin, IDNR.

Amy Madigan 00:08:31.584 --> 00:08:34.914

And good morning Ann Fletcher.

Ann Fletcher 00:08:34.943 --> 00:08:37.703

Grand administrator for the Department of natural resources.

Bob Appleman 00:08:46.675 --> 00:08:50.815

Office director for the Office of Realty and Capital planning.

Bryan Schmid 00:08:54.925 --> 00:08:57.835

Yeah, Brian Smith a planner with by state regional commission.

Dale Brockamp 00:09:03.175 --> 00:09:09.025

Dale Bootcamp division, division manager, fulfilled operations officer, Realty and capital planning.

Amy Madigan 00:09:33.175 --> 00:09:39.895

All right, thank you. Um, we have another caller if you haven't spoken yet.

Amy Madigan 00:09:48.655 --> 00:09:51.385

Let's we'll come back to that. Emily Lauderdale. I see.

Emily Lauderdale 00:09:51.895 --> 00:09:57.445

Yep, I am a regional planner with black hawk hills, regional council.

Gary Eicken 00:10:01.704 --> 00:10:05.514

Gary, I am the, head of the office of grant management and assistance.

James Kyte 00:10:13.554 --> 00:10:23.184

Morning everyone, James kite, federal housing administration, the trails program manager, and also transportation alternatives program manager.

Lisa Cotner 00:10:34.584 --> 00:10:38.574

I'm the chief accountability officer over grant for.

Amy Madigan 00:11:03.204 --> 00:11:18.954

Okay, you can always chat and window and our meeting is being recorded just so, you know, that I'll start just briefly with our in our report and then let our council handle our open meetings act compliance. Any issues with that in our report is.

Amy Madigan 00:11:19.079 --> 00:11:39.114

Well, briefly, we'll go through back through our grants in just a little bit. Dean. Our report is pretty much business as usual for the most part projects are moving forward. We had a few kind of glitchy issues with our fiscal system and reimbursements, but we are back on track with that.

Amy Madigan 00:11:39.324 --> 00:11:59.334

I think that as far as programmatically, speaking, we're still on track with our program, and we'll be discussing those grants or those projects here here in just a little bit we are off. We did not necessarily do that this year because of some transitional issues with federal highways, as we start to.

Amy Madigan 00:11:59.399 --> 00:12:18.474

Manage the program with just them and making sure that we're all following all the rules and guidelines guidelines with that program and procedures as well as the Omar procedures. I'll just defer quickly to Barbara. Dale. If there's anything else you'd like to add from perspective of D. and our projects related to Greenway and trails.

Dale Brockamp 00:12:22.855 --> 00:12:24.205

I'm good. Okay.

Bob Appleman 00:12:31.344 --> 00:12:32.064

Yeah, I'm good.

Amy Madigan 00:12:32.724 --> 00:12:45.054

You're good too. Okay, great. Thanks guys. Okay, George. Let's let's go ahead. And and hear your presentation and some. So we know what we're what we can and can't do, or make sure that we need to do today. Okay.

George Sisk - 4 00:12:45.054 --> 00:12:46.464

Hey, good morning.

I'm glad to be with everyone this morning. I just wanted to go over items regarding compliance with the open meetings.

George Sisk 00:13:00.599 --> 00:13:19.734

For any legal questions today that that don't pertain to the other meetings act. I'm happy to address those with you. 1 on 1 and then, and then Amy, and I can respond accordingly. So, as everyone knows too well, we are in the midst of a pandemic.

George Sisk 00:13:21.625 --> 00:13:40.375

Given the pandemic, and the difficulty of needing in person, the governor signed into law legislation that amended the open meetings act. Virtual meetings are now allowed in the past in order for a board member to attend by other means.

George Sisk 00:13:41.095 --> 00:14:01.045

Any phone teleconference video what have you, the public body at issue had to have that authorization in its bylaws or operating procedures? That's no longer the case virtual meetings are allowed and board members.

George Sisk 00:14:01.105 --> 00:14:10.495

Who call in or participate by other means now counts towards the, the quorum in order to meet and vote on matters.

George Sisk 00:14:12.804 --> 00:14:32.574

As Amy mentioned, there is a new requirements, all meetings are now recorded in the past. That was not always a case, only closed mediums closed sessions had to be recorded. Now, the entire meeting is must be recorded for those individuals.

George Sisk 00:14:32.875 --> 00:14:52.675

When that's when it comes time to make motions and provide seconds, because we are meeting virtually and because the public has a right to hear a lot more members doing what's after, after you make a motion or or a 2nd, please state your name.

George Sisk 00:14:53.065 --> 00:15:12.535

For your full name for the record. Likewise. Again, since we're meeting virtually every time the board votes on an issue on an agenda matter, we need to do this by a roll call vote each time and.

George Sisk 00:15:13.255 --> 00:15:33.235

Watch to avoid complaints being filed with the attorney general's office, even, uh, even when it comes time to accept minutes or to adjourn, let's do a roll call to be consistent. I know that's a pain. But in the end, it's more.

George Sisk 00:15:33.444 --> 00:15:41.724

Because we don't have to respond to a complaint filed with the public access counselor's office at the attorney general's office.

George Sisk 00:15:44.039 --> 00:15:52.314

In 1 of her emails to you, Amy provided information on completing over meetings after training please do.

Amy Madigan 00:15:52.314 --> 00:15:55.344

That as soon as possible.

George Sisk 00:15:56.514 --> 00:16:04.194

Just so, you know, you are only required to complete the open meetings training.

George Sisk 00:16:04.199 --> 00:16:24.174

Once during your term on the Council, again, you'll reply to complete the training only 1 time during your term on the council. If you are appointed to another term, then you will be required to take the training again. Once you complete the training, please send.

George Sisk 00:16:24.359 --> 00:16:35.424

These prints, or otherwise download the certificate of completion and provide that to the council liaison or the being our liaison. So, Amy.

George Sisk 00:16:37.884 --> 00:16:44.544

Uh, finally an issue that I noticed last last week.

George Sisk 00:16:44.994 --> 00:17:05.034

Amy, and I will be discussing this, but if Amy sends an email to the group, for example, an email containing a, an agenda item, or notice as to how we're going to meet next time, if you respond to Amy, please do not reply.

George Sisk 00:17:05.063 --> 00:17:25.194

All just respond individually to Amy, rather than a reply all because it could be that during the reply, all someone ends up discussing state business. And if that happens, we have technically violated the meetings that because we are discussing state matters.

George Sisk 00:17:33.839 --> 00:17:45.474

Can talk more about this maybe you can send blind copies to people that way. You can put 1 in the same address book that they respond. It will go just to, you.

Amy Madigan 00:17:46.374 --> 00:17:53.364

Okay, thank you George and that is all I have. Okay, George. I have a quick question before you go.

Amy Madigan 00:17:54.000 --> 00:18:14.155

Since we are using the chat function as well and I believe those those notes are recorded as well as the audio of the meeting. Is it appropriate to help comply? If even the verbal making a motion in that chat window, they use the chat window to kind of follow up with that motion and stating name.

Amy Madigan 00:18:14.160 --> 00:18:15.385

The organization.

George Sisk 00:18:23.124 --> 00:18:27.204

The, the, the platform view, you mean in addition to speaking up.

Amy Madigan 00:18:27.654 --> 00:18:28.224

Yes.

George Sisk 00:18:29.814 --> 00:18:37.554

That's fine. That's fine. But it is, but I just want to make sure that we have we have it on the recording.

George Sisk 00:18:37.559 --> 00:18:39.954

We have it verbally so the public can hear it.

Amy Madigan 00:18:39.954 --> 00:18:57.714

Well, correct okay. It'd be like, you know, obviously so, and so I, Amy Madigan, I'm making a motion and then that would be, obviously audio and then we just haven't put in the chat window just. So, again, we make sure that we have the right person attributed

George Sisk 00:19:02.039 --> 00:19:09.504

To comply with the committees that, hey, I'm all for it. Okay. And I'm going to I'm going to be on here for a while as well.

Amy Madigan 00:19:10.164 --> 00:19:22.164

Okay, great awesome. Because I really think there's only going to be like, really 1 action if you will, that will kind of an official action of.

Amy Madigan 00:19:22.199 --> 00:19:34.554

As opposed to kind of the regular actions of a journey and meeting dates and that type of thing. Okay. Any questions for George before we move on.

Amy Madigan 00:19:37.644 --> 00:19:38.004

All right.

George Sisk 00:19:41.365 --> 00:19:57.385

1 last thing people probably know this, but I want to I want to address it anyway in order to, in order to vote on an issue the issue has to be on the agenda. Other matters can be.

Amy Madigan 00:19:57.385 --> 00:19:58.495

Discussed.

George Sisk 00:20:01.764 --> 00:20:08.514

But there can be no form of voting on any matter. That is not that has not been included in in the agenda.

Amy Madigan 00:20:09.354 --> 00:20:20.334

Okay, so then, let's, let's address that on our agenda. We have the RTP grants report and project recommendations and discussion. So, does that was...

Amy Madigan 00:20:20.519 --> 00:20:26.214

Labeled properly for action, or can we do today? Something tentative.

George Sisk 00:20:27.594 --> 00:20:33.924

No, that, I mean, that's an agenda items. So action can be taken on that. Okay great.

Amy Madigan 00:20:34.674 --> 00:20:40.494

Okay, awesome Thank you. Okay.

Amy Madigan 00:20:40.854 --> 00:21:00.834

Comment the reason I put that at the front of the meeting a, is for the interest of time of our, our folks in the public to a so we know kind of what your interest is here as is observing and then to let, you know, too that the content and discussion of the project.

Amy Madigan 00:21:00.839 --> 00:21:20.904

Recommendations that is not for public discussion beyond the council meeting. If you will, what will happen today. We will just discuss in these projects that we will discuss. Pretty much, have already been through the review process. So we have given or...

Amy Madigan 00:21:21.000 --> 00:21:41.155

Presenting to the Council, the best projects that have been through our review process. So I just want to keep in mind that whatever conversation that is observed today. We want to keep that in in the, in the realm of process, and not kind of move outside of our process of making sure.

Amy Madigan 00:21:41.185 --> 00:22:01.225

We kind of as the function of the RTP program to have an advisory council, we adopted the Greenway and trails council to serve as advisory council to making sure that when we do have these projects that we're recommending before they're authorized or obligated, they are still basically in process, so it would it could.

Amy Madigan 00:22:01.319 --> 00:22:21.384

Happen that we present a project list like we are today and then we transfer that basically in process to the federal highway administration for them to do more reviews to make sure that our projects not only are environmentally compliant but NEPA...

Amy Madigan 00:22:21.479 --> 00:22:40.644

Compliant as well, so I just want to keep that in mind. I want you to keep that in mind as, as we, as we move forward. So, I'm going to start with with Terry, and just say, you know, you just said you were here with as a public person, but you're on the American motorcycle Association.

Terry Gerken 00:22:43.315 --> 00:23:01.615

I guess my, I'm kind of this, obviously, and, uh, reading over the mission statement of the greenways and trails Council. I'm assuming in our preferences by saying that obviously I'm somewhat interested in the.

Terry Gerken 00:23:01.824 --> 00:23:21.654

Sahara Woods project that has been cited for granting right? And I just would kind of like to know who would be in charge, or I would speak to as far as a timetable for that project. Any progress that's been made.

Terry Gerken 00:23:22.014 --> 00:23:29.484

Is is there a volunteer group involved with that that I can get involved and learn more.

Amy Madigan 00:23:30.504 --> 00:23:42.114

Okay, thanks. Thanks, Terry. Um, if I, if I may, I can go ahead and kind of probably address a couple of those things to my knowledge. Right now there is not a volunteer group that...

Amy Madigan 00:23:42.119 --> 00:24:02.274

Is associated with the area we have had a, we've had some guideline changes, I think, within our volunteer program, and certainly coven kind of put a hamper on that in a, in a few ways. But we can certainly talk offline too about that.

Amy Madigan 00:24:02.395 --> 00:24:22.375

Getting you in touch with the right people down there. And as far as timeline goes, you know, it's a pretty big project. Some some budget issues have slowed down our progress, but I know that we are continuing to move forward with more movement and you'll see, while you'll hear the discussion.

Amy Madigan 00:24:22.440 --> 00:24:41.785

On a project that we'd like to recommend for funding to create a campground. So, as far as still the opening, that's I'm going to go ahead and give you that state. Nebulous answer of it will open up. When it opens. I can't exactly say for. Sure, when, but I'm pretty sure it will.

Amy Madigan 00:24:42.954 --> 00:24:59.484

Um, in fact, I'm quite positive that it went, so to say that we are, we're still moving forward with a full full recreational site to open up as just with other projects within the state. Sometimes it's slow, slow going.

Terry Gerken 00:25:00.234 --> 00:25:02.754

Sure, and I'm assuming.

Terry Gerken 00:25:02.784 --> 00:25:10.434

Uh, under the impression that they would be in in charge of moving forward on any of those projects is that correct?

Amy Madigan 00:25:11.094 --> 00:25:16.734

Um, do you, and I sent it to our site. We are, we are the main resources you know, obviously.

Amy Madigan 00:25:22.919 --> 00:25:40.194

Sources that are available to us and that's what's been nice about the program because it has provided a nice kind of motorized source of funds for us to utilize as well as, as local groups and agencies use it.

Terry Gerken 00:25:41.154 --> 00:25:43.074

Sure, and in the.

Terry Gerken 00:25:44.034 --> 00:25:50.604

Are there other user groups involved outside of the off road vehicle arena?

Amy Madigan 00:25:51.144 --> 00:26:03.234

Um, you know, I will actually, I'll let Jay and Hunter John, speak to that just a little bit, just because they have certainly been involved since the kind of the, the, the 1st, ideas of.

Amy Madigan 00:26:03.264 --> 00:26:23.364

Going into the business, if you will, and I know that 1 of the things while we are our, I guess, I would say in our business, our business we have, we have to meet as many user needs as possible when we can and opportunities. However, we also look at it in terms of.

Amy Madigan 00:26:23.425 --> 00:26:43.495

Kind of like, who our primary users are, and then secondary and and so on. So we always while there's not this is very specific to motorized recreation. The history of that site has still been used as hunters for hunters and fishermen. So, we tried to exist with other users.

Amy Madigan 00:26:43.584 --> 00:27:03.165

The site, we recognize that. So I know that 100 John and Jay Halland I'm not guess Scottie Brian couldn't join us today with AI for Illinois Federation of outdoor resources. That group represents pretty much all user groups as many user groups as they can, as far as using natural resources in Illinois.

Amy Madigan 00:27:03.720 --> 00:27:23.845

And they have been, uh, they have a vested interest in, and kind of washing to see how how this works as well. So, I would say, look looking at it in terms of the primary user group that we're looking at, but we recognize that there's gonna be secondary and tertiary other user groups that are going to families are gonna come. So we're gonna have motorized.

Amy Madigan 00:27:23.880 --> 00:27:28.525

Users, and then something we hope, you know, long term that that satisfies as many user needs possible.

Terry Gerken 00:27:30.505 --> 00:27:30.715

Thanks.

Amy Madigan 00:27:33.025 --> 00:27:34.975

Hunter John, Jay, do you guys want to add anything?

Hunter John Harris 00:27:35.755 --> 00:27:42.145

Yeah, I would Terry, if you want to give me a call cause I had the speaker that really pushed this.

Hunter John Harris 00:27:44.935 --> 00:28:04.555

Um, we did, is, we, we opened apart crossroad writing because there is no place for us and we're willing to have other users in the park. And that's where me and, and someone can argue cause we're gonna pay 20. we're going to use to park and wire open. Other people will because parks.

Hunter John Harris 00:28:04.854 --> 00:28:20.994

Now, because they don't have sufficient funds, we want to make sure there's enough funding to get these parts going. And me and Tony said on the board with Scott, and we're all pushing to try to help get this part going because there is nothing like this.

Hunter John Harris 00:28:23.279 --> 00:28:28.554

And Jay are kind of trying to keep an eye on it. So if you got any questions, feel free to call your 1 of.

Terry Gerken 00:28:29.184 --> 00:28:30.474

Thank you I will do that.

JAY HALL00:28:32.844 --> 00:28:47.184

Also, too, I'll add also, is that Jay Hall, um, that we, this thing has been involving, it's something that we have worked on.

JAY HALL00:28:48.895 --> 00:29:06.211

My family even goes back to 1975, working, trying to get riding parks going, and we're still working on it and we still have never got 1 up and running other than private assisted.

JAY HALL00:29:08.904 --> 00:29:15.834

But the natural state Ryan part is what we've been really wanting to have and.

JAY HALL00:29:17.999 --> 00:29:37.164

I'm very passionate to our cause because of we have never had 1 and I'm going to push to make sure that we're taking care of before we start giving up the apply to other groups, because we have been neglected all these years.

JAY HALL00:29:42.145 --> 00:29:43.525

That's really all I've got on that.

Amy Madigan 00:29:43.645 --> 00:29:47.785

Thanks, Jay, Terry anything else?

Terry Gerken 00:29:48.445 --> 00:29:53.485

Uh, that should cover it. Now I appreciate the time for me.

Amy Madigan 00:29:53.665 --> 00:29:58.195

Sure thanks. We're happy to have you here. Let's go to Liz.

Amy Madigan 00:30:07.254 --> 00:30:07.584

Maybe.

Amy Madigan 00:30:10.884 --> 00:30:16.494

Sometimes we figure out that we're on mute and then we're not on mute. Yeah, that's.

Ann Fletcher 00:30:16.494 --> 00:30:17.604

My camera instead of.

Amy Madigan 00:30:17.604 --> 00:30:17.964

A meeting.

Liz Porter 00:30:20.664 --> 00:30:40.434

So, I am in equestrian and camper, and we write in a variety of different Illinois parks. We are closest to Matthiessen and as you probably know, 3 years ago, I think next month, there was a.

Liz Porter 00:30:40.705 --> 00:31:00.595

Mudslide on the connecting trail that connects the north side of the park where the camp ground is for the to the South Side of the park where the river trails are. And so we've been waiting for that to be fixed. And as a result.

Liz Porter 00:31:00.599 --> 00:31:20.394

We've lost a lot of campers there, because nobody wants to come and write for a short amount of time and just 1 of the 2 areas. At this point, you have to trailer from the north side of the heart to the South Side of the heart to be able to.

Liz Porter 00:31:20.875 --> 00:31:40.915

Right. Both areas. So it's, it's not very convenient for most people. I understand that there's a bridge in the works. My main concern is that there's a connecting trail that's been laid out. There's a couple of.

Liz Porter 00:31:40.919 --> 00:32:00.714

Does that need to be removed in order for that to work so that everybody can use the part last year I observed people from the Chicago area in drones. They're hiking on the area where the trail was closed, because it's dangerous.

Liz Porter 00:32:01.079 --> 00:32:11.394

It's very dangerous so, just a couple of trees need to be taken out so that we can have a connecting trail before the bridge is built and we can utilize the park.

Hunter John Harris 00:32:12.054 --> 00:32:12.774

That's all like.

Amy Madigan 00:32:13.464 --> 00:32:20.814

Okay, thanks, Liz. I know Matthiessenn. I mean, I've got I've got long history there.

Amy Madigan 00:32:21.239 --> 00:32:41.394

And I know it's a great equestrian site, and I know that there's been some, some, my word of the day is glitchy genus over the last few years. So I know that we're, we want to move forward with some of the projects that have been started. And again, various reasons why things have happened some are good explanation. Some are not.

204Amy Madigan 00:32:41.425 --> 00:33:00.925

Great explanations, but they are explanations that have prevented us from doing everything that we want to do there. I want to if that's it let's go to Emily and then if there's anybody else that I'm missing on public participation, you know, feel free to to holla. But let's go to Emily.

Emily Lauderdale 00:33:03.174 --> 00:33:17.364

They're really just for today so I'm going to be working on some updates for green ways and trails plans for the counties that we serve. That's about it.

Amy Madigan 00:33:17.964 --> 00:33:19.794

Okay, great. Thanks, Emily.

Amy Madigan 00:33:21.720 --> 00:33:40.323

Let me before we go to the Dean, our Grant's report, let me give a little for the folks on the phone, our new, our public participation folks, and just kind of a reminder I think on the Council, the council itself has existed since 1990.

Amy Madigan 00:33:42.025 --> 00:34:01.945

I think might have been even sooner than that, Bob or Dale. If you remember what year conservation Congress was a long time ago, but that that council was born out of the, the council as it was, was born out of conservation Congress. And it was basically kind of, you know, kind of.

Amy Madigan 00:34:02.125 --> 00:34:22.195

The precipitate almost of I4 where there weren't a lot of other groups that were even advisory in nature, just to interact with the agency that represented trail groups trial user groups. Historically, our, our hunters and our fissures and our campers. We're kind of our, our main.

Amy Madigan 00:34:23.004 --> 00:34:42.355

Our main users that we interacted and so the council was developed to serve that need for trail user groups to basically get different user groups together at the table to a just have dialogue find out what other people are doing. The whole, we feel stronger together when we're all together.

Amy Madigan 00:34:42.773 --> 00:35:02.511

Instead of kind of fighting 1, another in some cases, you know, we, we have evolved. I know some folks can certainly speak. Tony would be 1 and yeah. And Hunter, John just and how we've evolved and and coordinating with other user groups.

Amy Madigan 00:35:02.544 --> 00:35:22.674

I'm putting everybody at the table, so this this council existed for a really long time. And prior to the the statute and the codification of council I served as a really great again, kind of just advisory place to interact. We didn't necessarily 1 of the things, the functions that we did take pretty seriously.

Amy Madigan 00:35:22.734 --> 00:35:42.834

Um, was that we provided some workshops over the years and worked on state conferences to be able to just get a, the services that are provided in the ways of Greenway and trails educate all kinds of groups and communities and agencies about the benefit of Greenway some trails and how we can help them, but beyond that, it was it was still a pretty ad hoc and advice.

Amy Madigan 00:35:42.864 --> 00:36:02.994

Every kind of situation we didn't necessarily manage project by project or site by site at the whole Council. So if, and I'm just using Madison as the example, we wouldn't certainly the public was always welcome to come to our meetings and, you know, and present and ask.

Amy Madigan 00:36:03.024 --> 00:36:23.154

Questions the council now, and then isn't necessarily the best launching off I would say, remedy platform. We have to, you know, we're a council members we're not necessarily working on projects or sites day by day. So, just to keep that.

Amy Madigan 00:36:23.160 --> 00:36:43.315

In mind, you know, we're happy certainly to entertain and solve as many problems as we can, but just going forward. I don't want to. And as you talk to other members of the public about the Council, just kind of keeping in mind that the function of our council is to serve as kind of again advisory for our RTP program and just help.

Amy Madigan 00:36:43.319 --> 00:37:03.474

Helping us making sure as an agency, you know, we're staying in tune with user groups and needs and being transparent about that. So, being that being said, if there's any questions, you can always ask me later. You can always.

Amy Madigan 00:37:03.504 --> 00:37:19.014

Chat in the chat comment to the chat window, but now I will go to our and our Grant's report. So I'm not sure which of our folks wants to handle that whether that's gonna be carrier. And but you have the floor.

Amy Madigan 00:37:27.325 --> 00:37:27.835

Good morning.

Amy Madigan 00:37:31.374 --> 00:37:34.224

Thanks Ann. Can you guys hear me? I have I.

Ann Fletcher 00:37:34.674 --> 00:37:35.844

Feedback here my ear.

Amy Madigan 00:37:36.504 --> 00:37:38.904

You sound good though. Okay perfect.

Ann Fletcher 00:37:40.794 --> 00:37:48.682

Well, do you and I are on the local grant projects, have 9 recommended projects, which total a 1344008.

Amy Madigan 00:37:48.684 --> 00:37:49.254

100 dollars.

Amy Madigan 00:37:50.424 --> 00:37:51.234

And those 9.

Ann Fletcher 00:37:51.444 --> 00:38:01.434

Projects are listed and you guys should have had kind of a summary sheet in maps so if you have any questions on any of these projects feel free to ask.

Amy Madigan 00:38:02.664 --> 00:38:07.224

Um, can you also give us a brief kind of what's happening in our other grant programs?

Ann Fletcher 00:38:11.004 --> 00:38:11.904

As in.

Amy Madigan 00:38:13.554 --> 00:38:18.714

A bike path or snowmobile, or where we are in any of those program timelines or.

Ann Fletcher 00:38:20.304 --> 00:38:29.394

Right now, I believe with a lot of the Illinois budget issues that we are waiting for governor's office approval on.

Ann Fletcher 00:38:29.604 --> 00:38:41.994

Of our grant programs to move forward, but we anticipate that they will and hopefully we'll receive soon approval to move forward on those grants that we are waiting like both park bike.

Ann Fletcher 00:38:44.304 --> 00:38:50.694

Has already been those agreements have been awarded and sent out.

Amy Madigan 00:38:53.274 --> 00:39:02.604

Okay. All right. Great. Well, I'm going to attempt to open up another file here.

Bill Brown 00:39:03.684 --> 00:39:06.354

Amy, this bill brown.

Amy Madigan 00:39:07.974 --> 00:39:08.274

Hi.

Bill Brown 00:39:09.084 --> 00:39:13.044

Are we going to discuss our.

Bill Brown 00:39:14.784 --> 00:39:25.944

Um, because, uh, we meaning this snowmobile dealers are working on our R TP grants that we were told has been suspended.

Amy Madigan 00:39:25.944 --> 00:39:28.224

Right, correct? And.

Bill Brown 00:39:29.274 --> 00:39:33.234

Going to be part of the discussion or do we need to talk about it now? While.

Amy Madigan 00:39:33.804 --> 00:39:53.364

Um, no, I think that as far as I mean, as far as discussing beyond, maybe, I'm sure you asking why, perhaps we suspended those, but certainly with the budget issues that that and just mentioned and our transitional status with D and ongoing.

Amy Madigan 00:39:53.425 --> 00:40:13.225

To directly program management with our own timeline got off a little bit. So we have a kind of a backlog of projects these moving forward. These are actually projects from a collection of projects from last spring and over the year from our projects as well.

Amy Madigan 00:40:13.704 --> 00:40:33.624

Um, so we thought it best to while we're still in transition, and with those budget issues that we would not have that at a grant round this spring to make sure that we are expending funds properly. And, you know, I know with certainly with the snowmobile equipment.

Amy Madigan 00:40:33.720 --> 00:40:53.875

And leases that we've had some issues, and, of course, that pulled by America thing that has still prevented us from moving forward on several projects. So, beyond that, yes, there is not going to be a grant round the summer or this spring. We can talk about that a little bit in the.

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Amy Madigan 00:40:53.935 --> 00:41:08.815

Of time, let's let's let's talk about, let's go through our grant potential projects and make sure that we can move forward on those, even with our attentive approval today. So we can get those in the pipeline with, and make sure that they, um.

Amy Madigan 00:41:10.079 --> 00:41:29.664

And move forward through their environmental and their review process. And again, let's keep in mind that that's not necessarily even what we say, and we approve even tentatively to obligate authorization is the later stage once it's been through the whole review process. Basically, the obligation just kind of holds it.

Amy Madigan 00:41:30.354 --> 00:41:43.524

Holds the money in place while we review and then the authorization is what we'll actually get folks to do their projects and get their money. So let's can we come back to that? Then bill, after we kind of discuss these.

Bill Brown 00:41:46.044 --> 00:41:46.344

Yeah.

Bill Brown 00:41:49.944 --> 00:41:58.644

Question has the whole back on the money on the state of Illinois, or is it on the federal.

Amy Madigan 00:41:59.304 --> 00:42:09.114

Area it's actually both, I mean, the feds, the feds have, I mean, that we get reimbursed so while we.

Amy Madigan 00:42:09.414 --> 00:42:29.094

Obligate kind of again obligate our money when we have these projects that we move forward. Right now, the whole back really is an agreement between the federal highway administration, and to make sure that we don't get out of our skis and have a bunch of projects that we are unable to either manage or move forward on 1 of the things that we have to and and.

Amy Madigan 00:42:29.484 --> 00:42:49.434

I'll defer to James if he wants to address this, but in the in the program programmatic timeline project, once a project is authorized, which means again, it's going to go. The obligation is the placeholder the authorization releases the fund. So, once a.

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Amy Madigan 00:42:49.440 --> 00:43:09.595

Project is actually authorized time o'clock start if you will. So, once that time clock starts that project clock starts every 3 months the federal highway administration expects either some, some money being spent some movement on the project, or they're going to expect an excellent.

Amy Madigan 00:43:09.599 --> 00:43:29.544

As to why that that's not happening and while they understand, and we all understand, certainly with things that have changed administrations change the by America has has certainly really slowed a lot of things down. And so when it slows it down, and again to, you know, that's something that's.

Amy Madigan 00:43:29.760 --> 00:43:49.825

Beyond James control as well when, when that type of instance, happens and slows our projects down, then we're not expending funds and we're not expending federal funds and so the feds look at us kind of like, well, you wanted funds. How come you're not spending funds. So, we felt like it was at this particular time.

Amy Madigan 00:43:49.919 --> 00:44:09.894

It's better for us to kind of clean house on what we have open, what we're moving forward with getting our procedural items in place as far as, you know, we used to have 3 agencies involved and now we have 2. so that changes our fiscal procedures. And our invoice and billing procedures as well. So that's really the explanation of why we're, we're holding that up.

Amy Madigan 00:44:10.374 --> 00:44:20.154

Right now, and we anticipate that this, you know, we get that get ourselves back on track and then we're able to do things much better in the future.

Amy Madigan 00:44:22.644 --> 00:44:23.214

Just 1.

Bill Brown 00:44:25.674 --> 00:44:45.654

I don't know when we met last, but this June snowmobile, we always have our international business meeting, which was delayed. We had a zoom meeting instead this year and, um.

Bill Brown 00:44:45.744 --> 00:44:48.864

For dogs from the federal highway department was also 1.

Amy Madigan 00:44:48.864 --> 00:44:51.744

Involved in that and, um.

Bill Brown 00:44:51.804 --> 00:44:59.274

And he telling all of us normal builders, because all of our grooming equipment is made, you know.

Amy Madigan 00:44:59.274 --> 00:45:01.584

Candidate right in the.

Bill Brown 00:45:01.584 --> 00:45:05.694

We've never qualified, so he forced us to go.

Bill Brown 00:45:06.025 --> 00:45:06.955

They use the.

Amy Madigan 00:45:06.955 --> 00:45:09.445

Right. So that's.

Bill Brown 00:45:09.445 --> 00:45:18.955

Plans that we are doing at this point, you know, as long as we can get our stuff. But I, I just want to let, you know, when was the last time we met was in February.

Amy Madigan 00:45:19.915 --> 00:45:26.035

Maybe oh, yeah. Okay. Also. Well, and I would say.

Amy Madigan 00:45:26.039 --> 00:45:46.194

To bill, like, we have a project right now, and I know and and may be able to address that that has just been stalled the leases, the least is kind of in place and I don't know if you've been working with and on that but that's a question that we are still having to address.

Amy Madigan 00:45:46.200 --> 00:46:01.705

With the federal highway administration, as to that project's been hanging out there for a little while, but we can't just seem to can't seem to put those 2 things together to get that least for that equipment in place. Is that correct? And what we were just kind of okay.

Ann Fletcher 00:46:01.705 --> 00:46:06.295

Think because not only because now we have to lease these. We have.

Ann Fletcher 00:46:07.314 --> 00:46:24.804

And this is in regards to the Hampshire White riders, which they're really trying hard to get a piece of equipment to rent. And because of Kobe, there's no equipment available is what I mean, the company is telling them. So they're trying to get it in place. They just haven't been able to.

Amy Madigan 00:46:25.674 --> 00:46:26.124

Right.

Amy Madigan 00:46:26.724 --> 00:46:46.674

So, Bill, those are kind of a few things that we, we're just trying to be mindful of as we move forward. Certainly there's a ton of stuff that is beyond anyone's control in many cases. But that doesn't change the fact that we said we wanted this money in the federal highways administration is going to keep looking at and going. Well, why aren't you spending it? So we wanted to.

Amy Madigan 00:46:46.704 --> 00:47:06.504

Just basically get all of our, our procedures and and projects up to speed current before we kind of move forward with a whole new round. Like I said, these projects are actually from the course of over the last year. But our, just our timeframe has just been really off kilter with trying to transition properly.

Bill Brown 00:47:09.024 --> 00:47:09.534

Thank you.

Ann Fletcher 00:47:11.184 --> 00:47:11.964

Um.

James Kyte 00:47:12.599 --> 00:47:32.304

Think through all, I think the committee needs to understand a little bit too that this year is more transitional. So I think we'll see more smoother sailing. Once we kind of navigate these next months. And so.

James Kyte 00:47:33.025 --> 00:47:33.745

Kind of work.

James Kyte 00:47:36.864 --> 00:47:40.944

And it makes a lot of crap, some feelings and things of that nature.

Amy Madigan 00:47:42.414 --> 00:47:44.094

Once we get some of the.

James Kyte 00:47:44.094 --> 00:47:51.624

On existing projects, and then we should be able to have a little bit more.

James Kyte 00:47:53.725 --> 00:48:12.835

You should have a little bit more going forward on how things are going to be and once we update some of the procedures and things of that nature. So, I guess I just want to caution the committee just give some time to give us some time to just make sure that we're putting everything in place that.

James Kyte 00:48:13.799 --> 00:48:33.024

In our can be the most successful navigating these projects, not only in our projects, but also in the local side. So I know there's going to be some frustration. And I know There'll be some, some moments where you don't think it's moving fast enough, but the intent of vendor always has always been.

James Kyte 00:48:33.624 --> 00:48:53.724

That once we authorize a project, which basically means that nipo has been satisfied, and that has send the tip from the step. And then all the requirements have been met then once those funds are out within 90 days, we're kind of expecting that there's been progress. Made on that particular project, whether it's materials been ordered, or there's been.

James Kyte 00:48:53.785 --> 00:49:13.855

Some type of billing sent over so that we make sure that we're moving forward because the intent is to get these projects out. So that people can use them. And so we're just really actively trying to clean up the projects. That have been lingering for a while. And then just try to get a process. So everybody knows.

James Kyte 00:49:13.919 --> 00:49:31.584

Everybody's on the same page that this is how we're going to do it going forward. So just be as patient as you can with that, or, as we kind of work with some work with us on a team basis, to try to just do the best thing possible. So, I just wanted to throw that.

Amy Madigan 00:49:33.534 --> 00:49:34.074

Thanks, James

Amy Madigan 00:49:34.104 --> 00:49:38.874

So, I appreciate that. Okay any other comments before we move forward.

Hunter John Harris 00:49:39.954 --> 00:49:53.754

I will come that patience we work on we've been over 5 or 7 years. I want you guys to know I talked with Coleen and I for we're going to sit down and try and help.

Hunter John Harris 00:49:55.494 --> 00:50:01.734

The issue of procurement, and I think that's what kills you guys and really hurts us almost getting anything done in.

Amy Madigan 00:50:03.354 --> 00:50:05.570

You are not wrong about that Hunter

Hunter John Harris 00:50:07.944 --> 00:50:14.214

Patience with you, Amy, what has been very good but I'm out of patience with the process.

Amy Madigan 00:50:15.174 --> 00:50:28.074

Correct. I'm sure that I'm sure I'm sure right now, even without them saying anything I know that Bob and Dale are nodding their heads saying it s, procurement and and the same procurement has as certainly been a.

Amy Madigan 00:50:28.079 --> 00:50:31.494

Problematic let's say.

295Hunter John Harris 00:50:34.284 --> 00:50:42.474

Too dense on what they think would help, because we are going to mean Scotty are going to try and roll with that and and do everything we can try and fix.

Amy Madigan 00:50:43.374 --> 00:50:46.254

Right. Thank you. That's appreciated.

Hunter John Harris 00:50:49.434 --> 00:50:51.024

Okay.

Amy Madigan 00:50:51.444 --> 00:51:08.634

Let's move along now what you're looking at here these projects do you see them? Okay so I'm back because there's I know it's a lot of there. It's a little bit bigger. So, the 1st part, the 1st, part of the list obviously are localized projects. I will just kind of read through them.

Amy Madigan 00:51:08.760 --> 00:51:28.915

Please read along with if there's any specific questions. Let's, we'll wait until we get to the block end of those projects and then, and can address those if there are questions. And again, let me remind you that. What you see here are the projects, the descriptions and the maps. There are other.

Amy Madigan 00:51:29.004 --> 00:51:48.894

Uh, documents supporting documentation, but because they contain environmentally sensitive materials. We do not show those to the public kind of the same with our scoring system. If there's any questions about that, we can refer to the federal guidance on the, on the program itself.

Amy Madigan 00:51:49.344 --> 00:52:09.234

Um, but suffice it to say what you see are the best project fix that went through our review process and met the criteria that we have set for them. The internal projects in our projects, go through, almost exactly the same type of review process that locals do just a couple of different elements just because the audience.

Amy Madigan 00:52:09.239 --> 00:52:29.369

Is different, and some of the projects are completely different, so that's just start Hannah city. That is a land acquisition. A rail trail corridor acquisition 20 almost 25 miles along. The Union Pacific line goes from concrete to puree county and about 5 miles west of farmers.

Amy Madigan 00:52:29.400 --> 00:52:48.985

10, that's 1 of the 1st acquisition projects. We've had in a couple of years, and they have been trying really hard to make that happen for several years. So we are confident that they are ready. And so we believe that as a good project. The next 1 is the rock on county force, preserve district.

Amy Madigan 00:52:49.559 --> 00:53:09.384

That as part of our grand Illinois trail, if you're not familiar with that, that is a connection or a collection of trails about 500 miles worth that go from Chicago basically, to the Mississippi River at the quad cities and kind of back again in a loop over kind of the northeastern part of the state.

Amy Madigan 00:53:09.954 --> 00:53:29.844

Northeastern to Northwestern part of the state, I should say, since it's a loop, this will construct a facility in the Atlanta Wake Forest Preserve pretty standard project. What what you may also see is that there are what we generally with projects.

Amy Madigan 00:53:29.879 --> 00:53:49.157

These projects it is an 80% reimbursement that is 1 of the few federal programs that has that type of reimbursement. So, it's a pretty substantial amount. But what you see is, and especially with locals in order for us to fund as many projects necessarily as we can. We cap.

Amy Madigan 00:53:50.039 --> 00:54:10.071

The award for some local projects at 200000. so, if you see that and it is, you know, it's not some of those look like 80% and some of them, obviously don't look like 80% is because they have a cap on what the award is to make. Sure. That we can spend more projects the next 1 is.

Amy Madigan 00:54:10.200 --> 00:54:30.345

Forest open lands Association, new varied trail system 1.3 miles and a suspension bench 120 foot suspension bridge. That'll be a cool project. When it's done Calumet city. That is a river walk recreational trail connector, 10 feet wide. You're the burn and Greenway and.

Amy Madigan 00:54:30.384 --> 00:54:50.304

Once, and that's the development and what you also see if you're new to this, the project type, we have to kind of divide our projects up again among a varied set of multiple.

Amy Madigan 00:54:50.544 --> 00:55:10.674

Use diversified, hiking, pedestrian, motorized, non motorized so each 1 of these will have a while it says acquisition its primary use would be hiking. Next 1 is development for bicycle, primary use hiking. So when you see that, that's what those particular.

Amy Madigan 00:55:10.680 --> 00:55:30.775

Columns mean city of Jacksonville that is the late jack simple recreational trail bout half mile that goes around this is the way it Jacksonville connect up with the existing two point mile two point mile asphalt path already completed.

Amy Madigan 00:55:30.839 --> 00:55:50.963

District of do page county 3.3 miles of existing converting that into limestone multipurpose path. Dixon park district. Whoops. A little too farther recreational trial project for the enhancement. It's almost 7 miles.

Amy Madigan 00:55:50.999 --> 00:56:11.154

Currently owned by park district, maintenance, restoration, existing trails, development, rehabilitation, and operation of the educational programs associated with that trail. The village of Caitlin or katlon, I should say Butler point park, 10 foot concrete path with.

Amy Madigan 00:56:11.364 --> 00:56:31.314

Stations along that, and then we have the forced preserved district of do page county or county. I'm sorry for the tin creek trail improvements and I think yes, that is the end of our local projects. Does anybody have any specific questions?

Amy Madigan 00:56:31.320 --> 00:56:31.945

Not that.

Amy Madigan 00:56:35.725 --> 00:56:38.245

Yeah, yeah, this is Tony. Tony.

Amy Madigan 00:56:41.185 --> 00:56:42.175

Yeah.

Tony Troyer 00:56:42.175 --> 00:56:55.105

Yeah, can you explain why land acquisition is a part of our RTP and everything for the Hanna city project?

Amy Madigan 00:56:55.615 --> 00:57:00.475

Um, land acquisition has always been part of the RTP program.

Amy Madigan 00:57:00.479 --> 00:57:20.514

When it, we ourselves hasn't really use much of it for we have other funding sources, depending on where, where, and what projects or land was available for acquisition. But acquisition has always been part of the federal highway administration guidance. And I'm happy if if the afterwards, within our summary, I'll send out.

Amy Madigan 00:57:21.805 --> 00:57:40.795

A link to the federal highway administration and RTP, guidance website and 1 thing to keep in mind. When you review that is there is provisions within the guidance itself for states to create program.

Amy Madigan 00:57:40.799 --> 00:57:48.684

Visions and criteria that are different and in some cases, you know, stricter than the federal guidance itself.

Tony Troyer 00:57:51.804 --> 00:58:07.224

Okay, no, I'm familiar with the project and everything. I was just kind of, I guess, for those, that don't know and we're curious also, you know, about that project and everything. It.

Amy Madigan 00:58:07.734 --> 00:58:10.464

You know, basically a nutshell I know you have time.

Tony Troyer 00:58:10.464 --> 00:58:10.914

On the.

Tony Troyer 00:58:11.039 --> 00:58:14.754

Property before you can develop it, so.

Tony Troyer 00:58:17.334 --> 00:58:29.364

This this gives us the ownership of that old. I think it's an old railway and everything. So this is just the 1st step, you know.

Amy Madigan 00:58:33.744 --> 00:58:36.174

Right. Okay. Anything else.

Amy Madigan 00:58:39.625 --> 00:58:53.395

All right, so we'll move on to our grant projects. The 1st, 1 is for the river, and which is in East, central Illinois near Fox ridge state park with, in Fox ridge state park the.

Amy Madigan 00:58:53.519 --> 00:59:13.614

Of course, that's Illinois. It's not embarrassed. It's brought here. That's a new project that's at that site. I'm sure Emily is happy to see the 2nd, 1 here, which is the Black Hawk state, historic site. I know that. That's been a project that George has worked on for a while.

Amy Madigan 00:59:13.705 --> 00:59:33.725

We're happy to see that there trail segments observation deck. If you've never been to that site. I highly recommend it. It's a really cool place. So phase 1 will consist of 300 linear feet of trail, rehab, observation, deck, reconstruction and Russian control some other trail sections. And this is phase 1 segment.

Amy Madigan 00:59:33.894 --> 00:59:53.994

That that an area being a little difficult to access. So they're happy. We're happy, I think, to to have this and recommend that the next 1 is a, we kind of cut off our description there, but that isn't Madison to reroute the former switch back trail.

Amy Madigan 00:59:53.999 --> 01:00:14.154

Now, the will install handicap, accessible, pedestrian bridge, the cash river canoe trail 1 of the other things. If you're not familiar with the program, we are allows us to do a option development projects. But also, let's do water trail projects as well as.

Amy Madigan 01:00:14.159 --> 01:00:34.314

Based trail products, Speller woods phase 2, lots of bridges. There are several bridges there that need to be removed rehabilitated replaced. So this will handle 2 of those lake Murfreesboro 6 foot bridges on a couple of sets of stairs there. Some.

Amy Madigan 01:00:34.320 --> 01:00:54.475

All our projects rain hills this is 1 that we've been trying to work on and we've had that's been kind of 1 of those procurement problems over the years. So that has been, you may have seen that project before if you've been around the council for a while we had to withdraw that because there were some issues with getting.

Amy Madigan 01:00:54.479 --> 01:01:14.544

Architecture and engineering services for that and then our final, our project is for Sahara. What's the additional camping units? It's a hero woods. arby's, electric service just preparing for.

Amy Madigan 01:01:14.640 --> 01:01:32.056

Folks to be able to stay there. There are about 100 John. Correct me I think, you know, and I know I think Dale to can say, but I believe we have 20. we have 27 miles in place. I believe actual trail miles. That's a heroins right now. I want to say it's 26 or 27.

Dale Brockamp 01:01:34.464 --> 01:01:37.194

Is just under 26.

Amy Madigan 01:01:38.274 --> 01:01:47.650

Okay, great. Just under 26. do the hair genie change in? Um, okay are there any questions about those projects?

Jay Hall 01:01:49.134 --> 01:01:54.114

Yeah, this is Jay hall. Um, just kind of where you at.

Jay Hall 01:01:54.239 --> 01:01:56.844

Wants the trails themselves are they completed.

Amy Madigan 01:01:59.214 --> 01:02:04.284

Yes, most of the trails are aren't completed. The actual land trails are completed.

Jay Hall 01:02:07.464 --> 01:02:07.674

It's.

Amy Madigan 01:02:07.674 --> 01:02:10.104

Just the other amenities that haven't been completed yet.

Jay Hall 01:02:10.344 --> 01:02:15.294

Yeah, well such as the restrooms and that parking lots.

Amy Madigan 01:02:15.324 --> 01:02:25.374

Restrooms access points yes. Okay. And now we have, I believe 1 of our, the current projects that's going there's 2, 2 or 3.

Amy Madigan 01:02:26.484 --> 01:02:45.324

Current projects already down there, which fish finishing up the trails and proving access points to those as well, some security and then an administration type building is also being being worked on I believe and then this next phase will be the campground. And so we hope after this phase, I'm.

Amy Madigan 01:02:46.439 --> 01:02:53.904

I'm hopeful and I know that the site staff is very hopeful that once we can kind of get this moving, that will certainly put us closer and closer to actually opening.

Jay Hall 01:02:56.364 --> 01:03:07.884

Okay, well, I guess I, this Jay, I, I guess 1, other question with this then is is to actually open the site.

Jay Hall 01:03:09.839 --> 01:03:12.444

Camping is not a necessity.

Amy Madigan 01:03:12.444 --> 01:03:16.554

Yeah, that's more of a luxury correct?

Jay Hall 01:03:16.644 --> 01:03:20.364

Other than the restrooms and a, a.

Jay Hall 01:03:21.624 --> 01:03:26.184

Staff building, right. What you're waiting on and parking.

Amy Madigan 01:03:26.664 --> 01:03:29.484

Right, correct and those are those are in progress right now. Correct?

Dale Brockamp 01:03:32.484 --> 01:03:51.954

Jay and Amy, yes, we have 2 projects undergoing right now the sharp head and infrastructure project includes all the utilities to the site, which is part of a water, electricity, fiber optic and then that include that project includes the roadways and includes parking and.

Dale Brockamp 01:03:51.985 --> 01:04:12.115

Security lighting, fencing, culverts, all that type of infrastructure to actually get people to the site. And then we have a separate project working through CDB for the flush toilet building and these service building and the service boarding is where staff will be.

Dale Brockamp 01:04:12.119 --> 01:04:28.487

Located that's where people will register to enter the park and that has to go through CDB. So we're getting there the infrastructure 100% design and the project for about 50% design right now.

Amy Madigan 01:04:31.404 --> 01:04:33.594

Thank you.

Hunter John Harris 01:04:35.004 --> 01:04:40.314

Who is overseeing because I'll be honest, nobody's staying in touch with me and Jay.

Amy Madigan 01:04:43.794 --> 01:04:47.574

Well, I'm guessing Mitch retired, correct?

Hunter John Harris 01:04:49.674 --> 01:04:49.944

Yeah.

Amy Madigan 01:04:50.694 --> 01:05:02.133

Yeah, Mitch retired. Well, Jay and John, you know, we can, we can talk offline and and try to to make sure that you're getting.

Amy Madigan 01:05:03.174 --> 01:05:22.674

Some information, I think, I can't anticipate that that is anything other than, you know, things are just moving. Like, there's not a whole lot necessarily going on controversial or we're just kind of moving moving along and at the speed that we can. So we can talk. We can talk.

Amy Madigan 01:05:22.680 --> 01:05:24.325

Offline about that specific site.

Hunter John Harris 01:05:25.015 --> 01:05:26.095

Um, okay.

Amy Madigan 01:05:28.075 --> 01:05:32.005

Okay, any other questions about projects.

Bill Brown 01:05:33.655 --> 01:05:33.985

No.

Bill Brown 01:05:34.585 --> 01:05:41.755

Yes, and why is there any projects for the eye in canal on here?

Amy Madigan 01:05:43.465 --> 01:05:43.885

Well.

Bill Brown 01:05:44.305 --> 01:05:45.955

We've been down since 8.

Amy Madigan 01:05:47.605 --> 01:05:54.355

So, I'm going to go back to the, the, the description that I kind of gave earlier and in terms.

Amy Madigan 01:05:54.384 --> 01:06:13.914

Of manageable projects that we can do with the staff that we have. So, we looked at those projects at this time, we chose the projects that you see, for the reasons that I mentioned we can we know these are going to be a little bit easier for us to tackle.

Amy Madigan 01:06:14.724 --> 01:06:34.524

Um, there was another, there was another head of pin canal, and we have the Hennepin canal and the item canal both have suffered greatly at the hands of Mother Nature over the last several years. We know that. And we're doing our level best to make sure that we're addressing what we can when we can.

Amy Madigan 01:06:35.185 --> 01:06:54.835

Um, you know, some things are just the item canal and part of the other hand append project. You know, they're just they're just such big projects that, you know, right now get basically our portion every year with the RTP program from the federal highway administration through the transportation.

Amy Madigan 01:06:54.839 --> 01:07:14.015

Bill is about a 1M, a half dollars and some change. So, in order for us, we have over the years. We've had a kind of a backlog of funds when we haven't been able to use either all of them, or we've withdrawn projects, or we have come in under budget on our projects. So, there was a bit of a.

Amy Madigan 01:07:14.999 --> 01:07:35.154

A bit of a backlog if you will fund and so we have tried to shore up all of those because if we don't use those funds, those funds will lapse. We will lose them. They'll go back to the federal government. So, we have done, as I said, you know, our level best to make sure that we have projects going and we're utilizing funds.

Amy Madigan 01:07:35.784 --> 01:07:54.534

And with this particular project list, we've kind of, we, we've been able to tie up a lot of bold funds, certainly take care of our lapse funds. So that's kind of 1 of the reasons. It's, it's sometimes is it it is it easier harder while we understand again the impact to our visitors.

Jay Hall 01:07:56.365 --> 01:07:58.225

Rtp is not always the right.

Amy Madigan 01:07:58.225 --> 01:07:59.725

Source for certain projects.

Bob Appleman 01:08:05.724 --> 01:08:08.304

Are you, are you asking about the.

Jay Hall 01:08:08.514 --> 01:08:10.014

The, he'd be run project.

Amy Madigan 01:08:10.074 --> 01:08:11.814

And the middle creek.

Bill Brown 01:08:12.894 --> 01:08:13.794

Absolutely.

Bob Appleman 01:08:14.844 --> 01:08:21.954

Okay, those projects are both in design right now, and they are far larger than are.

Bob Appleman 01:08:22.014 --> 01:08:42.094

He is capable and supporting the the creek project alone is is probably got over 5M dollars. And that project is currently in design at CDB. And the run project is also, in fact, I think I just signed off on the contract.

Bob Appleman 01:08:42.119 --> 01:09:02.274

Factor award that project is going to be getting underway here very shortly for the repair, but both of those are they're way outside the scope of what our gpp is capable of handling financially. So we've done those projects that both been underway for quite a while. We got shut down with the.

Bob Appleman 01:09:02.279 --> 01:09:22.435

Pass the budget in pass we picked them back up, but the great project is a huge undertaking. So we're going to get that 1 as quickly as we can, but there's a lot of factors involved flooding issues and all sorts of concerns with and That'll create projects. That have taken.

Bob Appleman 01:09:22.463 --> 01:09:24.923

A lot of effort to work through.

Bill Brown 01:09:26.844 --> 01:09:31.883

Who's the contract is going to get him to be.

Ann Fletcher 01:09:31.883 --> 01:09:32.484

Every day.

Bob Appleman 01:09:32.754 --> 01:09:34.764

To say that yes, it hasn't been awarded.

Bill Brown 01:09:35.604 --> 01:09:42.354

But you're thinking it, once it gets signed it work on, that could possibly take place.

Bill Brown 01:09:42.624 --> 01:09:43.764

This this year.

Bob Appleman 01:09:45.054 --> 01:10:02.724

Yeah, it should it CDB and that's going to CDB as well, but that project will be executed this year. The construction will be it should start this. I would guess this spring and maybe we'll get it finished by fall.

Bob Appleman 01:10:02.785 --> 01:10:21.595

I don't honestly know I don't know what the schedule is, but there is 1, but I don't know what it is, but it should it should move through this year. Now. Creek will not be done that quickly. That is we are still not done with the design on that, and we have a lot of permits and things like that. That would have to still be secured for. Now, Craig.

Bill Brown 01:10:23.034 --> 01:10:29.994

Are you at liberty to say approximately how much the hhig's the run repairs going to cost.

Bob Appleman 01:10:32.635 --> 01:10:34.675

It's in the neighborhood of a 1M dollars.

Bill Brown 01:10:37.644 --> 01:10:38.334

Okay, thanks.

Amy Madigan 01:10:40.974 --> 01:10:44.634

Thanks, Bob, uh, any other.

Amy Madigan 01:10:47.275 --> 01:10:48.205

Comments or questions.

Amy Madigan 01:10:52.975 --> 01:11:07.735

Okay, I'm going to stop sharing the screen right now, so I can go back to our and watch our chat window. So we can, we can excuse me? We can.

Amy Madigan 01:11:10.314 --> 01:11:13.914

Um, so we can have our, uh.

Amy Madigan 01:11:16.315 --> 01:11:36.355

Meetings act, compliant motion and approvals so I would like to make a motion to and I say, tentatively approve this because we say tentatively approved for the next phase of the process because something could come up and a project.

Amy Madigan 01:11:36.414 --> 01:11:56.514

Maybe fall off of this list, so, for our purposes, the approval of this project, or this list is to allow it to go to the next phase with federal highway administration and again, this is simply a sharing of council information. We would appreciate not discussing anything with anyone.

Amy Madigan 01:11:56.544 --> 01:12:16.074

About these projects, and again, because we don't know specifically that they will or we're not make it all the way through the federal highway administration process. So that being all said, I'd like to make a motion to tentatively approve this list and move it forward for authorization. And obligations.

Tony Troyer01:12:17.185 --> 01:12:17.575

I'll make it.

Amy Madigan 01:12:19.585 --> 01:12:21.655

Okay.

Amy Madigan 01:12:24.564 --> 01:12:28.974

Be sure to put that in the chat window for me as well. Oh, and I get a 2nd.

Tony Troyer01:12:33.084 --> 01:12:33.654

2nd.

Hunter John Harris 01:12:34.524 --> 01:12:35.964

When can we ask a question.

Amy Madigan 01:12:37.314 --> 01:12:39.564

Um, well, what do you want to ask.

Hunter John Harris 01:12:40.824 --> 01:12:43.974

How much money do we do? We have the money to cover all of these.

Amy Madigan 01:12:44.004 --> 01:12:45.084

Yes, we do.

Hunter John Harris 01:12:46.134 --> 01:12:50.124

All right, well, I'll make the motion or 2nd to motion Hunter John Harris, but they make.

Amy Madigan 01:12:50.634 --> 01:12:51.144

Okay.

Amy Madigan 01:12:52.254 --> 01:13:06.924

And so, and and normally, of course, we just say all in favor, say, aye, but today we, we need to put so, if you would again announce who you are and say, yay, or nay and put that in the chat window as well.

Bill Brown 01:13:09.294 --> 01:13:12.204

Bill Brown? Yes. Okay. Thank you.

Jay Hall 01:13:13.314 --> 01:13:14.274

Jay Hall. Yeah.

Tony Troyer 01:13:17.604 --> 01:13:22.674

Tony Tony yes.

Stephen Letsky 01:13:26.694 --> 01:13:28.164

Steven, yes.

Amy Madigan 01:13:36.084 --> 01:13:37.884

Okay, um.

Amy Madigan 01:13:40.200 --> 01:13:41.005

Yes.

Dave Simmons 01:13:47.784 --> 01:13:51.864

Amy, this is Dave Simmons. I don't know I, um, I don't know, but I'm an official part of the committee.

Amy Madigan 01:13:53.094 --> 01:14:03.234

So you are I

Dave Simmons 01:13:54.784 --> 01:13:51.864

Okay. In that case, I approve. I, thank you. Yes, we will clarify. We get.

Amy Madigan 01:14:03.354 --> 01:14:22.764

If you're talking about our member reports, we'll kind of clarify on our structure of the council. And there may be some. There may be some, some changes here and there but with George with George's advice and counsel, we'll make sure that we have everybody. We're doing it as we should be doing it.

Amy Madigan 01:14:25.945 --> 01:14:27.925

Okay, Jay Hall was just all right.

Amy Madigan 01:14:37.555 --> 01:14:55.435

And then if you would, unless you're a member of the public, at least, just signify in the chat that you heard the motions and, you agree, it's not necessarily we'll kind of figure out what our vote is. But I want to make sure that every body is recorded.

Amy Madigan 01:14:55.439 --> 01:15:15.504

George, and I had a brief conversation about kind of the voting structure in terms of the statute itself. So, for this function today, we want to make sure that we can move forward and we've done that properly. I believe we have what's listed. I don't know Georgie still on the phone.

Amy Madigan 01:15:16.284 --> 01:15:35.754

George Sisk 01:16 59.094

I am.

Amy Madigan 01:16:16.284 --> 01:15:35.754

Okay. Awesome. So, I think we, we determined that there were 11 at the, the list in the statute of member organizations. There are 11 organizations we have, I believe, 3 that are not yet.

Amy Madigan 01:15:36.085 --> 01:15:55.165

The hiking group is not filled. Oh, my mountain biking group and those are folks we did not have that kind of applied when we kind of restructured the council. So, as far as what our quorum is today, I'm going to kind of defer to you George, and make sure that we are.

Amy Madigan 01:15:56.214 --> 01:15:57.864

And what we're supposed to be doing in here.

George Sisk 01:15:59.094 --> 01:16:01.854

Have you heard from have you heard the old council members.

Amy Madigan 01:16:03.444 --> 01:16:07.044

I've heard from the council members that are on the phone. Yes, they're on the.

George Sisk 01:16:07.044 --> 01:16:09.024

Okay, and how many votes and other.

Amy Madigan 01:16:09.744 --> 01:16:14.420

Um, what I have now 12345, 6.

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George Sisk 01:16:19.224 --> 01:16:19.884

Okay, hold on.

George Sisk 01:16:32.184 --> 01:16:33.444

And you've been putting yourself.

Amy Madigan 01:16:34.614 --> 01:16:38.934

Um, no, I include myself as the 7th and staff.

George Sisk 01:16:44.995 --> 01:16:47.185

I'm pulling up your email, Amy, so you'll have to give me a.
second, okay,

Amy Madigan 01:17:05.154 --> 01:17:09.804

Hey, if there's nothing else that we've not learned, it's how to cultivate patience during this whole
coven right?

George Sisk 01:17:19.404 --> 01:17:24.444

You have you have a date for the email that I sent you regarding the quorum?

Amy Madigan 01:17:25.104 --> 01:17:30.594

Um, it's be in the last couple of days, probably.

Amy Madigan 01:17:46.464 --> 01:17:54.204

Um, yes, I don't know if everybody can see. Yes, yes. Yep. Yeah.

Dave Simmons 01:17:54.264 --> 01:17:58.224

Yeah, so looking for a mountain bike or what's the requirement.

Amy Madigan 01:17:59.544 --> 01:18:02.994

They just need to and we can certainly.

Amy Madigan 01:18:03.054 --> 01:18:23.094

We can talk after 2, but if there's any other groups, if you go back and you read in 1 of the emails that I sent has a link, and that's pretty much for everybody. That's on the call right now or on the in the meeting. I send a link that has the, the actual statute, and the organizations that are listed in the statute and we do.

Amy Madigan 01:18:23.160 --> 01:18:43.315

Have a paddle paddling group member Gary mechanic. He's not with us today, but yes what they need to do and the, the nomination form is still up on our Greenway, some trails Council's website. And so what those, any groups who wanted to, or couldn't meet what's listed in the statute.

Amy Madigan 01:18:44.245 --> 01:18:59.575

They just need to basically go to our councils website and fill out that nomination form. And then we'll run that through kind of our 1st approval process before we discuss it with the director's office. It would make kind of final recommendations.

Dave Simmons 01:19:00.775 --> 01:19:01.165

We did.

Amy Madigan 01:19:01.165 --> 01:19:03.475

Actually have also a hiking member as well.

Amy Madigan 01:19:03.504 --> 01:19:23.574

But that was Toronto Del, and he did not reapply. So we don't have a buddy for hiking mountain biking and I, there's 1 other, I think 1 other 1 that I just think of right off the top of my head. I'm like, afraid to overshare my screen. So, something's going to go bad Jamie? Yes.

Amy Madigan 01:19:24.265 --> 01:19:26.665

I found the email. Okay. I found.

George Sisk 01:19:26.665 --> 01:19:33.865

A according to the email that I sent you, I counted 16 member, 16, 1, 6 members of the council. So doing a quick number.

George Sisk 01:19:37.135 --> 01:19:41.935

That includes everyone whether and whether or not the position is filled.

Amy Madigan 01:19:42.625 --> 01:19:43.495

Okay.

Amy Madigan 01:19:43.854 --> 01:19:45.114

Team members of the council.

George Sisk 01:19:45.774 --> 01:19:51.204

Crunching some numbers a quorum would be 9 and a majority of a quorum would be 5.

Amy Madigan 01:19:57.114 --> 01:20:13.674

Okay, and so then also, if we clarify while you're looking at that, which we talked about this morning, just very briefly as in the past, you know, it's not specific that, but our, we went to abstain our, our agency folks, other than the staff member.

Amy Madigan 01:20:13.705 --> 01:20:33.835

The liaison since I didn't actually, you know, I mean, my, my level of review of those grants was more, just putting together that list. The review of the grants happens at a different kind of different level. I just pretty much generally stuff and and send that to other folks to review. So, if we have so with George on the phone.

Amy Madigan 01:20:33.864 --> 01:20:48.534

Clarifying whether agency folks beyond us, Steve, is he voted can our other staff members vote to, uh, to meet that? Quorum?

George Sisk 01:20:50.124 --> 01:20:53.994

Yeah, and that's that's an issue as I mentioned, that's an issue that you and I are going to.

George Sisk 01:20:53.999 --> 01:21:00.654

Have to discuss you, you ask the question when I get ready to go into a call with Renee.

Amy Madigan 01:21:00.924 --> 01:21:04.284

So you have you and I are gonna have to discuss.

George Sisk 01:21:04.824 --> 01:21:07.314

Uh, the, the, the role that staff.

Amy Madigan 01:21:07.344 --> 01:21:10.494

Play because it's, it's clear that there are.

George Sisk 01:21:10.614 --> 01:21:13.884

That our employees, our members are.

George Sisk 01:21:14.215 --> 01:21:34.315

Members of the council just off off the cuff. It seems to me that if our staff person played a substantial and personal role and reviewing all the grants that he or she probably should not be the 1.

George Sisk 01:21:34.320 --> 01:21:37.255

To votes on the round.

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Amy Madigan 01:21:40.044 --> 01:21:40.674

Go.

George Sisk 01:21:40.674 --> 01:21:59.514

Comes time to vote that it should be another representative of the agency that that votes but this is all this is an issue that you and I are going to have to discuss and flesh out. Right? But for now, but but for now, since there are 6 votes, that is 1 more.

George Sisk 01:21:59.519 --> 01:22:12.084

For them, then a majority of a quorum, which is, which is how the over media Zac defines a meeting, a majority of a quorum. So we have 1 more vote than what's required.

Amy Madigan 01:22:12.834 --> 01:22:13.704

Okay, great.

Amy Madigan 01:22:16.284 --> 01:22:35.874

I just want to make sure that procedurally. At least at this again this is pretty much, you know, the main type of voting function, um, that the council will take at least at the at 1 of the meetings. I think we're, we're required to meet up to 2 times, but not.

Amy Madigan 01:22:35.879 --> 01:22:47.694

More than that so I want to make sure that again with the federal program hanging in the balance that we can move forward and we're all transparent. Copacetic with that. So, what I hear you saying is that we are.

George Sisk 01:22:48.774 --> 01:22:49.164

Yeah.

George Sisk 01:22:51.444 --> 01:23:06.084

That that's fine that number 5 is based on 16 members, right? We don't we currently don't have 16 individuals on the council are positions that have not been filled.

George Sisk 01:23:08.280 --> 01:23:27.385

1 could argue that the majority of a quorum is less than 5 for all intents and purposes. You have 1, assuming that or if all 16 people were on the Council, it would require at least 5 people for majority and you have 1.

Amy Madigan 01:23:27.385 --> 01:23:27.745

Cool.

Amy Madigan 01:23:28.439 --> 01:23:48.594

Great Thank you. Awesome. Okay. I'm going to since we're going to we've, we've handled that order business. I'm going to switch my other page back here to any our member organizations report.

Amy Madigan 01:23:48.834 --> 01:23:56.424

So, I'm gonna scroll through here my little window, and I'm gonna pick Tony 1st, to talk about, uh, the Illinois.

Tony Troyer 01:23:58.284 --> 01:24:08.754

Yeah, so we currently have the biggest thing on our docket is allowing our volunteers to come in and help, you know.

Tony Troyer 01:24:08.760 --> 01:24:28.885

With our with all the projects that are in our parks and things like that, I have not received word from the deputy director that that has been re, instituted for sure. Upcoming things, right? At this point, we have a workflow.

Tony Troyer 01:24:30.444 --> 01:24:44.964

Cancel or virtual horse fare that will be held on the 1st, Saturday of March and you can go to dot Org capital dot Org to view that.

Amy Madigan 01:24:47.455 --> 01:25:05.485

Awesome. Um, and and Tony, I would like to Mrs. Torbert, had some, uh, some personal issues recently. So you may give her a little more grace and patience to respond.

Tony Troyer 01:25:08.424 --> 01:25:10.464

Okay, no problem.

Ann Fletcher 01:25:10.464 --> 01:25:10.824

Right.

Amy Madigan 01:25:12.144 --> 01:25:16.824

Um, okay, man, I'm going to scroll down. Bill Brown is who I see next.

Bill Brown 01:25:18.444 --> 01:25:27.444

Yes, we're kind of excited with, uh, we're getting some grant money in, uh, we had several.

Bill Brown 01:25:27.684 --> 01:25:47.754

Grants planned to be instituted in March until they start stop the program at this point, but we're pretty excited about getting some motorized funding back on the docket and I, and get approval for that. So we got big plans.

Amy Madigan 01:25:48.895 --> 01:25:50.935

Right. Great. Awesome.

Bill Brown 01:25:54.205 --> 01:25:56.695

I was just saying we're enjoying a best year, ever.

Bill Brown 01:26:00.204 --> 01:26:01.494

Get a little more snow.

Bill Brown 01:26:04.134 --> 01:26:17.964

In response, we have all of our users going. The North part of our state is just that our groomers out, which resolved pretty much, our funded rumors and we're doing very well this year.

Amy Madigan 01:26:17.964 --> 01:26:23.574

You awesome, I'm glad to hear that. Caitlyn you want to tell us how things are going up at.

Tony Troyer 01:26:42.774 --> 01:26:43.104

Meet.

Amy Madigan 01:26:46.764 --> 01:26:53.604

They'll come back to Caitlin. How about Dave Simmons? Tell us how things are going in the world.

Dave Simmons 01:26:54.834 --> 01:26:57.774

All's good. Even with the snow.

Amy Madigan 01:26:59.454 --> 01:27:00.354

Yeah, I'm trying to.

Dave Simmons 01:27:00.354 --> 01:27:05.514

Anything that might be of interest to this group. We're going to be focused on.

Dave Simmons 01:27:05.544 --> 01:27:16.884

Education initiatives this year, trying to make the road safer for cyclists and motorists. Yeah. It's probably of most interest to this group.

Amy Madigan 01:27:17.814 --> 01:27:24.294

Great Greg how much it's going on it tourism. Thanks.

Amy Madigan 01:27:26.005 --> 01:27:26.305

You know.

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Greg Mihalich 01:27:26.905 --> 01:27:37.975

Tourism inside of it, the pandemic has really updated our industry for sure. I don't have a lot to report today. The only thing I would say, and I'm not sure.

Greg Mihalich 01:27:40.614 --> 01:27:47.694

You are aware we do have a new deputy director. Tourism. Her name is Carla Flattery.

Greg Mihalich 01:27:50.064 --> 01:27:50.484

Started.

Greg Mihalich 01:27:54.715 --> 01:27:55.225

That's.

Amy Madigan 01:27:55.225 --> 01:28:01.165

Is that going on Greg? I do and I don't know why. Oh, but that was better. Whatever you just did.

Greg Mihalich 01:28:02.755 --> 01:28:05.965

So, Carla Flattery is our new deputy director.

Greg Mihalich 01:28:13.285 --> 01:28:13.825

Retired.

Greg Mihalich 01:28:18.624 --> 01:28:19.164

Contract.

Amy Madigan 01:28:27.774 --> 01:28:29.154

I feel like I'm in Star Trek.

Hunter John Harris 01:28:31.675 --> 01:28:34.225

Um, that's it's really.

Amy Madigan 01:28:36.085 --> 01:28:36.985

Thanks, Greg.

Amy Madigan 01:28:40.974 --> 01:28:43.284

Okay, I'm going to jump in.

Caitlin Goodspeed 01:28:46.554 --> 01:29:05.754

I had, I was dealing with the pesky, but anyway, it updates from C- map. I mean, we always have a bunch of stuff going on, but today we have our in pedestrian task force that's meeting. We're a group of people from the Chicago land area. Looks like this group.

Caitlin Goodspeed 01:29:05.785 --> 01:29:18.765

Together to discuss and give updates on what's going on in region. And today, if anyone's interested in coming our meeting is at 1 0T PM and I can put a link in the chat app because it's open to the public.

Amy Madigan 01:29:18.775 --> 01:29:21.205

Sure. That'd be great. Thanks. Caitlyn. Yeah.

Amy Madigan 01:29:25.375 --> 01:29:25.825

Awesome.

Amy Madigan 01:29:28.164 --> 01:29:32.334

Okay um, hey, Steve, let's see what's going on with you.

Stephen Letsky 01:29:35.544 --> 01:29:53.994

Much like, sorry so much like, we've got quite a few partners in the fire all over the place. Probably of most interest to this group is, say, the grant that just recently closed its solicitation window. All of those have been reviewed by.

Stephen Letsky 01:29:54.234 --> 01:30:11.724

20 30 of us, so I believe they're going to announce the awards in hopefully early spring this year. Then after that later, this year, we might be rolling out the state school grants, this taping window. So we'll double check on that. I think.

Amy Madigan 01:30:12.924 --> 01:30:13.344

Round.

Amy Madigan 01:30:14.160 --> 01:30:17.454

1M dollars to your set up.

Stephen Letsky 01:30:17.995 --> 01:30:19.735

Pretty good all throughout the state.

Amy Madigan 01:30:21.385 --> 01:30:28.555

Great, thank you. Um, let's see who have not heard from you.

Amy Madigan 01:30:32.814 --> 01:30:49.254

That everybody nice. All right our next meeting date, as I said, in the statute, we, we need to meet 2 times, at least 2 times a year.

Amy Madigan 01:30:50.185 --> 01:30:51.115

So, uh.

Jay Hall 01:30:57.895 --> 01:31:01.705

Um, I just had a couple of things just to add.

Amy Madigan 01:31:02.215 --> 01:31:04.135

Oh, yes, please thanks you. And hunter John thanks.

Jay Hall 01:31:05.305 --> 01:31:13.525

Um, 1 on the board, we did pass a grant and.

Jay Hall 01:31:14.124 --> 01:31:28.254

Um, I didn't know if it was going to be docketed for this year's cycles because of the whole back on funds and stuff. That was 1 question. I had for you. It was.

Amy Madigan 01:31:32.365 --> 01:31:37.225

Okay, and I think and or answer Gary staff might be able to.

Amy Madigan 01:31:39.479 --> 01:31:42.114

Address that, but if we can't get an answered here today, we will.

Jay Hall 01:31:42.624 --> 01:31:59.544

Okay all right but off roaders probably have 1 of the best years. We've had a long time this year. Everybody wanted to be outside, but didn't want to be inside. So it was a, it was a good year.

Jay Hall 01:31:59.640 --> 01:32:03.565

For the industry and the good year for off roading.

Jay Hall 01:32:06.355 --> 01:32:24.775

Using private plan and stuff, so that that part of portion was really good for this year. So, when we're hoping to have another year, like, like, what we had, and I know I want to disappoint my girlfriend there, but we're just waiting for the snow to go away.

Amy Madigan 01:32:24.805 --> 01:32:24.955

Cool.

Amy Madigan 01:32:28.524 --> 01:32:28.944

Right.

Hunter John Harris 01:32:35.634 --> 01:32:48.654

I made a couple calls and they're waiting to see they won't release the money on that grant until the government gives approval. So I'm wondering, I'm just sitting there sweating and see if we're going to get raided or not.

Hunter John Harris 01:32:51.325 --> 01:33:07.705

Other than that, I'm just wanting to get our writing working so we can get money flowing for being our and start looking at getting that 2nd park open up more where we can share it even where it's gonna be. Maybe in the wintertime I went to snowmobile.

Amy Madigan 01:33:08.665 --> 01:33:10.255

Right.

Hunter John Harris 01:33:11.544 --> 01:33:15.804

And our time with your care, right? Yeah.

Amy Madigan 01:33:16.704 --> 01:33:17.094

Right.

Amy Madigan 01:33:19.705 --> 01:33:22.975

Yes, and keep me very problematic. There's no doubt about that.

Hunter John Harris 01:33:23.935 --> 01:33:24.835

But I am going to keep.

Hunter John Harris 01:33:28.104 --> 01:33:31.344

Jay, I will stay on top of that. I will let, you know.

Amy Madigan 01:33:33.114 --> 01:33:43.704

All right, thanks everybody. Thanks. Um, so, uh, next meeting date, I say, well, who knows what cohort we like, but let's do it when it's nice.

Amy Madigan 01:33:47.544 --> 01:33:59.724

That sounds good, maybe like a June meeting before, at least our state fiscal years change and maybe we'll have a little different perspective of what might be happening in the future. Anybody have any objections to that.

Hunter John Harris 01:34:01.434 --> 01:34:02.034

Yeah, I was.

Jay Hall 01:34:07.914 --> 01:34:08.394

Jay Hall.

Amy Madigan 01:34:08.994 --> 01:34:18.804

Okay, so if we stick with our what we've done in the past, which is our 3rd Wednesday, and that's going to require me to look head on the calendar.

Bill Brown 01:34:27.145 --> 01:34:31.375

The council is supposed to meet twice a year.

Bill Brown 01:34:32.665 --> 01:34:42.865

Originally the green met quarterly and then we went down the 3 meetings. Are we still going to meet possibly on that type of a schedule?

Amy Madigan 01:34:43.555 --> 01:34:52.795

Well, we can what the statute says is that we have to meet twice a year, we can or up to 2 times a year.

Amy Madigan 01:34:53.604 --> 01:35:07.674

We, we altered our kind of meeting schedules many times in the previous history of the Council, but I would I discuss or be up for discussion on.

Amy Madigan 01:35:09.984 --> 01:35:29.874

Need to meet, if that doesn't necessarily sound great, but, you know, what is our need to meet more than that more than 2 times a year I'm certain that we can meet another time during the year, but to put ourselves in a schedule right now. I think we should I think we should.

Amy Madigan 01:35:29.879 --> 01:35:50.004

For that, to our next meeting, just to see how things shake out and that we make sure we get all of our council members and all the council positions filled. We have our kind of guidance internally that we can do better job guiding you guys externally. So, I propose that we think about just the next meeting, and then we can.

Amy Madigan 01:35:50.334 --> 01:35:57.864

Just determine at that next meeting, whether we need to have some type of, um, more regular schedule.

Bill Brown 01:36:01.554 --> 01:36:07.164

I mean, it makes sense because of the fiscal year.

Amy Madigan 01:36:07.674 --> 01:36:20.274

Correct yeah, and we'll just have, we can have some changes. We should have some other updates on where our grant projects stand and yeah. The future of funding and and maybe even some other programmatic issues.

Amy Madigan 01:36:20.280 --> 01:36:24.685

That we may know from federal highway, as we come along.

Bill Brown 01:36:26.245 --> 01:36:27.865

Thank you. All right.

Amy Madigan 01:36:28.525 --> 01:36:40.435

So that next date would be June 16, that next Wednesday 10:30. if everybody's okay with that if you could again in the chat window, as you announce.

Amy Madigan 01:36:40.854 --> 01:36:44.424

Who you are, and that you are okay with that date I would appreciate that.

Amy Madigan 01:36:54.324 --> 01:36:55.374

Okay, thank you.

Dave Simmons 01:37:01.914 --> 01:37:04.584

If someone is the right on, right that date works.

Amy Madigan 01:37:12.745 --> 01:37:13.195

Okay.

Hunter John Harris 01:37:18.234 --> 01:37:18.744

Aye.

Amy Madigan 01:37:22.105 --> 01:37:26.665

Tony, you okay with that date sorry.

Tony Troyer 01:37:26.665 --> 01:37:27.415

Did not.

Amy Madigan 01:37:28.885 --> 01:37:40.915

Happens it was good with that date? Yes, it happens to us all that's for sure. And then just for our other folks that aren't internal. Dan, our folks, Brian Caitlin.

Amy Madigan 01:37:40.919 --> 01:37:42.594

You guys, okay with that date as well.

Amy Madigan 01:37:46.494 --> 01:37:58.734

Yeah, great. And then Greg and James as well. James kite Greg and college our internal folks can just say, yay or nay or let me know Steve Laskey. Okay with that date as well.

James Kyte 01:38:02.004 --> 01:38:03.474

That works. Okay.

Amy Madigan 01:38:04.164 --> 01:38:09.594

Great. Okay. Now we're going to do that 1 more time for a motion to adjourn.

Bill Brown 01:38:14.274 --> 01:38:14.814

Okay.

Amy Madigan 01:38:17.665 --> 01:38:19.585

All right put that in that chat window too.

Amy Madigan 01:38:34.374 --> 01:38:34.764

Right.

Amy Madigan 01:38:40.074 --> 01:38:41.874

Motion 2nd, I.

Amy Madigan 01:38:46.434 --> 01:38:54.654

Go ahead, and announce for me too, when you signify, to return or to thank you.

Stephen Letsky 01:38:56.994 --> 01:38:58.404

Yes, sir, thank you.

Jay Hall 01:38:59.964 --> 01:39:00.294

Yeah.

Amy Madigan 01:39:01.494 --> 01:39:04.854

Thank you so much. Yes, thank you.

Amy Madigan 01:39:07.314 --> 01:39:10.824

Thank you. Yes. Okay. Great. Thank you.

Caitlin Goodspeed 01:39:11.094 --> 01:39:12.264

Caitlyn Goodspeed. Yes.

Amy Madigan 01:39:16.104 --> 01:39:16.584

Okay.

Amy Madigan 01:39:19.614 --> 01:39:25.194

I think that I think that covers us all everybody. Um, we did.

Amy Madigan 01:39:28.464 --> 01:39:47.574

We can all celebrate today that the Webex worked nice job. Thanks. Thanks. Everybody really appreciate really appreciate your grace and your patience and getting this right? Well, we'll do better as we move along. Definitely. So if you've got any other questions, feel free to.

Amy Madigan 01:39:47.640 --> 01:40:06.745

Email me afterwards, I will have the summary and stuff put together here pretty quickly to make sure that we're clarified and meeting our OMA compliance with that as well. So if there's nothing else, then why did you all a wonderful day? Stay warm out there?

Amy Madigan 01:40:08.244 --> 01:40:08.664

Yes.

James Kyte 01:40:10.679 --> 01:40:19.974

Give me a copy of meeting minutes place quarters to cover the requirements so yes.

Amy Madigan 01:40:21.174 --> 01:40:21.744

Okay.

James Kyte 01:40:22.194 --> 01:40:24.114

So, thank you, you're welcome. Thank you.

Amy Madigan 01:40:24.114 --> 01:40:27.714

Thanks everybody. Bye. Bye.