

# Meeting Minutes South Dakota Recreational Trails Program Advisory Council

June 16, 2025, Pierre, SD – Foss Building

## **1. Call to Order**

K. Kinsman called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

## **2. Roll Call**

### Members Present:

Chair-Kitty Kinsman (Bicycling)

Dave Sweet (Equestrian)

Mel Fish (OHV)

Sam Greear (Single Track)

### Members Absent:

Diane Hiles (Snowmobiling)

### State Park Staff Present:

Kerri Richards

Al Nedved

Jeff VanMeeteren

### FHWA Staff Present:

Lance DeMers

## **3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

No conflicts of interest were identified

## **4. Public Comment**

No members of the public were present to offer comment

## **5. Agenda Approval**

A motion was made by D. Sweet and seconded by M. Fish to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Recreational Trails Program Funding**

A summary of the Recreational Trails Program funding was presented, including breakdowns of overall funding, de-obligated funds, and motorized / non-motorized funding split.

## **7. Fiscal Year 2025 Applications**

### **a. Motorized**

The group reviewed the following motorized proposals:

GFP Black Hills Snowmobile Trail Groomer: Purchase a replacement Tucker Sno-Cat for the State operated snowmobile trail system in the Black Hills.

GFP Black Hills Snowmobile Trail Purchase Trail Easements: Purchase trail easements for the snowmobile trail system in the Black Hills where development is encroaching on the trail.

The group discussed the proposals and developed the funding recommendations.

Motion was made by D. Sweet to approve the list as discussed, second was made by M. Fish. Motion passed unanimously.

## **b. Non-Motorized**

The group reviewed the following list of non-motorized proposals:

Sandy Shore Trail Project: Improvements will be focused on 3-4-mile section on the southwest portion of the overall trail system. This portion of trail contains several stream crossings and low areas that have deteriorated and will be addressed through shaping and grading, additional aggregate material, stream crossing improvements, vegetation management, and trail stabilization.

Sica Hollow Project: This project will provide a connection to the existing City of Watertown Trail system through Sandy Shore Recreation Area. The connection will tie into the existing City trail system on the northwest corner of Sandy Shore and terminate on the southeast portion of the park near the park entrance.

George S. Mickelson Trail Maintenance: This project addresses surface maintenance needs along the Mickelson Trail throughout the year to use and weather events or other needs that arise throughout the year. These efforts continue to maintain the trail.

Aberdeen: Install Solar lighting along Northeast Trail

Alcester: Construction of approximately 2,000 feet of new asphalt pathways within and around the park to create a continuous loop.

Beresford: Construct 5,000 feet of asphalt trail around the ballfield complex.

Brookings: Create an East and West Trail Connection to create a connection near ballfields and complete a loop.

Burke: Install 1,467 feet of 6' wide trail that connects park's existing limited trails forming a loop.

Custer: Create a trail that would connect both ends of West Dam to the existing Shared Use Path.

Falls Area Single Track: Transform Great Bear Park in Sioux Falls into a true four-season destination. This would add 10+ miles of newly constructed and bike optimized single track to Great Bear.

Gayville / Volin School District: Create connections between the school campus and the community around the school's baseball and softball fields.

Lake Francis Case Economic Development: Establish two foundational trails through an undeveloped bluff that would connect areas of the city.

Lake Norden: Extension of the trail from Burlington Street to the Lake Norden Recreation Area.

Madison: Construct 1,530 feet of trail following Silver Creek that will connect the west side of the city.

Mitchell: Resurface existing gravel trail to a hard surface about 2.25 miles long.

Oacoma: Add 4 inches of gravel and blade approximately 9,000 feet of trails to improve shoreline access

Pierre: Repair a couple portions of trail and convert from asphalt to concrete

Platte: Create a trail connecting city streets with Platte Lake Road and the golf Course Road – constructed with a mixture of crushed rock and clay, creating a durable and smooth surface.

Rapid City: Restore a section of the Leonard Swanson Memorial Pathway bike path, approximately 480 linear feet. This will widen the existing eight-foot-wide path to a 10' wide path.

Spearfish: Install 29 solar lights in Jorgensen Park, Evans Park, and the Rec Path that connects the two areas.

Worthing: Completing the remaining section of the rec trail around the Worthing Recreation Complex. This will add approximately 1,400 feet of new path with asphalt surfacing and create a continuous loop.

The group discussed the proposals and developed the list of funding recommendations.

Motion was made by M. Fish and second was made by D. Sweet to approve the list as discussed. Motion passed unanimously.

## **8. Adjournment**

A motion was made by S. Greear and was seconded by D. Sweet to adjourn.