

# **Governor's Snowmobile Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

August 13, 2022, ~ Hybrid Meeting.

Chairman Dave Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Council members Scott Erstad (Via Zoom), Bruce Hintz, Al Nagel, Dave Kennedy, Todd Sprang and Todd Wilkinson were present.

Not Present: Gary Ulmer

Game, Fish, and Parks (GFP) members present: Al Nedved, Shannon Percy and Ryan Raynor.

## **Agenda Adoption**

A motion was made by Wilkinson and seconded by Nagel to adopt the agenda.

**Motion Carried.**

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Erstad and seconded by Sprang to approve the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting as presented. **Motion Carried.**

## **Public Comment**

No comments were made.

## **Black Hills Update**

Percy introduced Deputy Director Al Nedved who was in the audience. Percy then introduced Ryan Fredericksen as the new Park Manager for the Snowmobile Program. Ryan came to us from working at a mine in Wyoming but was born and raised in Lead and looks forward to working with the SD Snowmobile program.

South Ditch Creek, located at the southern end of the trail system has a warming shelter located on this section of trail. Normally the county plows to this area but Custer County is no longer plowing at this location. Percy is having discussions with the Forrest Service about how plowing operations will work down in this area now.

Trail 7 and 7B by Kirk on the way to Steel Wheel runs across private property where we've had a land use agreement in place. This property has changed hands and now those people want to plow the road the trail sits on for development. Percy stated this will be the last year for this location, but we are planning on moving the trail off the private property.

Percy gave a brief Kaschmitter update, stating they can't build homes and roads fast enough. Trail will be pushed out to the ditch by Rochford Road and the trail reroute established last year hopes to be in a permanent location but is yet to be

determined. Some discussion took place about future easements but too much is unknown to start planning towards that type of contract or agreement.

Finally, Percy stated he was able to negotiate a few more dollars from Wyoming for grooming around 30 miles of trails in the state of Wyoming but that are still in the designated Black Hills Forrest Service. Contract can not exceed \$20,000 now up from \$15,000.

**East River Update**

Raynor indicated groomer inspections were not completed yet due to a busy summer schedule and the retirement of the Black Hills Equipment Technician Brian Nelson. Raynor did share the slides posted below per the request of Wilkinson which provides a detailed overview of what equipment that snowmobile program has across the state.


SD SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM ASSET INVENTORY		
LOCATION	ITEM DESCRIPTION	YEAR ACQUIRED
BLACK HILLS	TRAIL DRAG MOGUL	Jun-99
BLACK HILLS	TRAIL DRAG MOGUL	Nov-02
BLACK HILLS	SNOWMOBILE-SKI DOO SKANDIC 600	Jan-04
BLACK HILLS	TRAILER-TRITON ENCLOSED	Nov-07
BLACK HILLS	BOBCAT S330 SKID STEER LOADER	Sep-08
BLACK HILLS	ALKOTA HOT WATER PRESSURE WASHER	Dec-09
BLACK HILLS	MAXEY GII TRAIL GROOMER	Nov-10
BLACK HILLS	HARDY CAMP SHOP	Jul-11
BLACK HILLS	3000 GL. FUEL TANK	Dec-11
BLACK HILLS	MAXEY 2012 TRAIL GROOMING DRAG	Mar-12
BLACK HILLS	JOHN DEERE 997 Z TRACKS 72"	Aug-12
BLACK HILLS	TRITON ELITE 22' 4 PLACE TRAILER	Nov-13
BLACK HILLS	MAXEY BIG TEX 24 FLATBED TRAILER	Dec-13
BLACK HILLS	2014 MAXEY TRAIL GROOMING DRAG	Dec-13
BLACK HILLS	2014 MAXEY TRAIL GROOMING DRAG	Dec-13
BLACK HILLS	2014 MAXEY TRAIL GROOMING DRAG	Dec-13
BLACK HILLS	2014 MAXEY TRAIL GROOMING DRAG	Apr-14
BLACK HILLS	2014 JOHN DEERE XUV 825I	Dec-14
BLACK HILLS	BOBCAT T870 COMPACT TRACK LOADER	Dec-14
BLACK HILLS	BOBCAT 60" FORESTRY CUTTER	Dec-14
BLACK HILLS	BOBCAT DYMAX 14" TREE SHEAR	Jun-15
BLACK HILLS	2017 TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	Dec-16
BLACK HILLS	2017 TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	Jul-17
BLACK HILLS	60" SKID STEER FORESTRY BRUSH CUTTER	Dec-17
BLACK HILLS	2018 TUCKER 2000 TRAIL GROOMER	May-18
BLACK HILLS	2019 MOGUL MASTER TRAIL GROOMER	Feb-19
BLACK HILLS	2019 TUCKER TERRA SNO-CAT GROOMER	Jan-20
BLACK HILLS	2020 TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	Feb-20
BLACK HILLS	TERRA SNOW TRACKS RIGHT REAR	Feb-20
BLACK HILLS	TERRA SNOW TRACKS - LEFT REAR	Dec-20
BLACK HILLS	TUCKER SNO-CAT TRACKS 200"	Dec-20
BLACK HILLS	TUCKER SNO-CAT TRACKS 200"	Dec-20
BLACK HILLS	2020 TUCKER TERRA GROOMERS	Dec-20
BLACK HILLS	2021 TUCKER TERRA GROOMERS	Jan-21
BLACK HILLS	2022 TUCKER TERRA SNO-CAT GROOMER	21-Nov

SD SNOWMOBILE PROGRAM ASSET INVENTORY		
LOCATION	ITEM DESCRIPTION	YEAR ACQUIRED
Redfield	TRAIL DRAG DS-8	December-94
Miller	TRAIL DRAG MOGUL	December-98
Webster	TRAIL DRAG MOGUL	December-99
Mitchell	TRAIL DRAG MOGUL	February-99
Clear Lake	TRAIL DRAG 18-08 MOGUL	June-99
Poinsett	TRAIL DRAG 18-08 MOGUL	December-99
Aberdeen	TRAIL DRAG MOGUL #MBP 18-09	October-00
Beresford	TRAIL DRAG 18-08 MOGUL	December-01
Brookings	TRAIL DRAG 18-08 MOGUL	December-01
Huron	TRAIL DRAG 18-08 MOGUL	December-01
Sioux Falls	TRAIL DRAG 18-08 MOGUL	December-01
Milbank	TRAIL DRAG #MBP-18-08 MOGUL	May-02
Watertown	TRAIL DRAG-MOGUL MASTER MBP18-09	November-03
Clear Lake	MOGUL MASTER DRAG MBP 18-08	December-04
Sisseton	MOGUL MASTER DRAG MBP 18-09	December-04
Hardy Camp	POLARIS SPORTSMAN 500 H.O. 4X4 ATV	October-05
Desmet	MOGUL MASTER 18-09 GROOMING DRAG	October-05
Surplused 2022	TUCKER-TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	October-05
Farm Island	SKI DOO MXZ6000 RENEGADE SNOWMOBILE	December-06
Aberdeen	2010 TUCKER TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	December-09
Sisseton	2011 TUCKER TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	November-10
Milbank	2012 TUCKER TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	January-12
Poinsett	2012 TUCKER TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	January-12
Farm Island	2012 TRITON FR-147 ENCLOSED TRAILER	January-12
Surplused 2022	2013 TUCKER TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	November-12
Brookings	2013 TUCKER TERRA TRAIL GROOMER	November-12
Sioux Falls	2013 TUCKER TERRA 2000 TRAIL GROOMER	April-13
Webster	2014 TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	December-13
Watertown	2014 TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	December-13
Huron	TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	January-15
Mitchell	2016 TUCKER SNO-CAT TRAIL GROOMER	January-16
Beresford	ARROWHEAD 86" ULTRA LITE DRAG	January-17
Sisseton	TERRA SNOW TRACKS-RIGHT REAR	February-20
Aberdeen	TERRA SNOW TRACKS- LEFT FRONT	February-20
Sioux Falls	TUCKER SNO-CAT TRACKS 200"	December-20

Raynor stated he now has the codes for Kalkomey to pass out on a first come first serve basis. Raynor reminded the council they approved to pay for up to 50 certifications annually at 100% back in May.

**2022-2023 GIA Applications**

Grant-in-Aid (GIA) applications totaling \$315,240 and includes just over 1,400 miles of groomed trails and 1,010 miles of signed trails were recommended to the council: The slide below was presented to the council which included all 14 grant applications from snowmobile clubs across eastern SD. Raynor reminded the council that the Redfield club chose to no longer participate in the GIA program due to lack of help to maintain the trail system.



## 2022 – 2023 GIA Proposals

Aberdeen \$ 18,152	Mitchell \$ 6,177
Beresford \$ 23,368	Poinsett \$26,068
Brookings \$ 35,254	Siouxland \$17,934
Clear Lake \$ 32,753	Sisseton \$27,566
DeSmet \$ 42,050	Watertown \$16,215
Huron \$ 15,038	<u>Webster \$20,288</u>
Milbank \$ 19,747	Total: \$315,240
Miller \$ 14,630	

Wilkinson made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 GIA packages, seconded by Hintz. **Motion Carried.**

**FY 2022 Budget Review (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)**

The snowmobile program spent \$692,617 during FY22 and revenue earned totaled \$864,294. The snowmobile trails fund increased from \$744,579 to \$916,256 as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Total Revenue Earned in FY22 Included:**

Gas Tax:	\$340,725	(9,735 Registered Snowmobiles)
\$10 Snowmobile License:	\$ 87,696	
3% Registration Tax:	\$260,486	
\$40 5-Day Temporary Permit:	\$ 4,040	
Interest:	\$ 15,635	
Charges for Sales/Services:	\$ 3,656	
Other:	\$152,056	

**Total Expenditures in FY22 Included:**

Salaries & Benefits:	\$255,832	Travel:	\$ 35,828
Contractual Services:	\$ 96,702	Supplies & Materials:	\$116,252
Grants:	\$110,519	Capital Assets:	\$ 77,484

**Capital Assets Purchased:**

Raynor shared with the council the slide below to remind them what was purchased under capital assets and what RTP dollars were spent. Including in this same slide are FY23 projected and FY24 requested capital asset purchases as well.

FY22 Capital Assets				
Capital Assets FY22 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)	Projected Expense	Actual SNMB Expense	RTP Authority	Total
(1) Trail Groomer	\$266,078	\$53,216	\$212,862	\$266,078
(1) Warming Shelter	\$12,200	\$0	\$9,760	\$9,760
(2) Bridges	\$50,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000
(17) Hilti Hammer Drills	\$22,269	\$22,269	\$0	\$22,269
(1) Drag	\$36,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
(2) Computer/Equipment	\$1,999	\$1,999	\$0	\$1,999
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$388,546</b>	<b>\$77,484</b>	<b>\$262,622</b>	<b>\$340,106</b>
FY23 Capital Assets				
Capital Assets FY23 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	Actual Authority	Projected Expense	RTP Authority	Total
(1) Trail Groomer	\$264,000	\$285,000	\$228,000	\$513,000
Seasonal Labor	\$0	\$41,598	\$33,278	\$74,876
(1) Skid Steer	\$0	\$110,750 (\$55,375)	\$0	\$55,375
(1) Drag	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$264,000</b>	<b>\$472,348</b>	<b>\$261,278</b>	<b>\$678,251</b>
FY24 Capital Assets				
Capital Assets FY24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)	Requested Authority	Projected Expense	RTP Authority	Total
(1) Trail Groomer	\$264,000	\$285,000	\$0	\$285,000
(2) Drag	\$0	\$76,000	\$0	\$76,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$264,000</b>	<b>\$361,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$285,000</b>
FY22* Total RTP Authority \$325,967				
\$63,345 in authority for ODS OHV Trail Resurfacing				
FY23* Total RTP Authority \$309,278				
\$48,000 in Authority for ODS OHV Boundary Fence				

**FY 2023 Budget Preview (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)**

Projected revenue for FY23 is \$801,920 while \$1,419,499 of spending authority is budgeted. The 9,712 snowmobile registrations account for \$339,920 received through the gas tax reimbursement. This revenue is based on the number of registered snowmobiles as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, x .28 cents in gas tax, x 125 gallons of fuel.

**Projected Revenue:**

Gas Tax:	\$339,920 (Actual)
\$10 Snowmobile License:	\$ 98,000
3% Registration Tax:	\$260,000
\$40 5-Day Temporary Permit:	\$ 10,000
Interest :	\$ 20,000
Charges for Sales/Services:	\$ 25,000
Other:	\$ 49,000

**Projected Expenses:**

Personnel Services:	\$457,770	Supplies:	\$184,750
Travel:	\$ 61,754	Grants:	\$312,500
Contractual Supplies:	\$138,725	Capital Assets:	\$264,000

**Projected Capital Assets:**

Raynor stated the RTP council in June approved the majority of the 30% motorized dollars to the snowmobile program. Raynor then referred to the slide above for project costs of assets to be purchased this fiscal year.

**FY 2024 Budget Recommendation (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024)**

Projected revenue for FY24 is \$802,000. Raynor told the council that all revenue projections from FY23 were brought over to FY24. Specific categories are mentioned below.

**Projected Revenue:**

Gas Tax:	\$340,000
\$10 Snowmobile Licenses:	\$ 98,000
3% Registration Tax:	\$260,000
\$40 5-Day Temporary Permit:	\$ 10,000
Interest :	\$ 20,000
Charges for Sales/Services:	\$ 25,000
Other	\$ 49,000

**Projected Expenditures:**

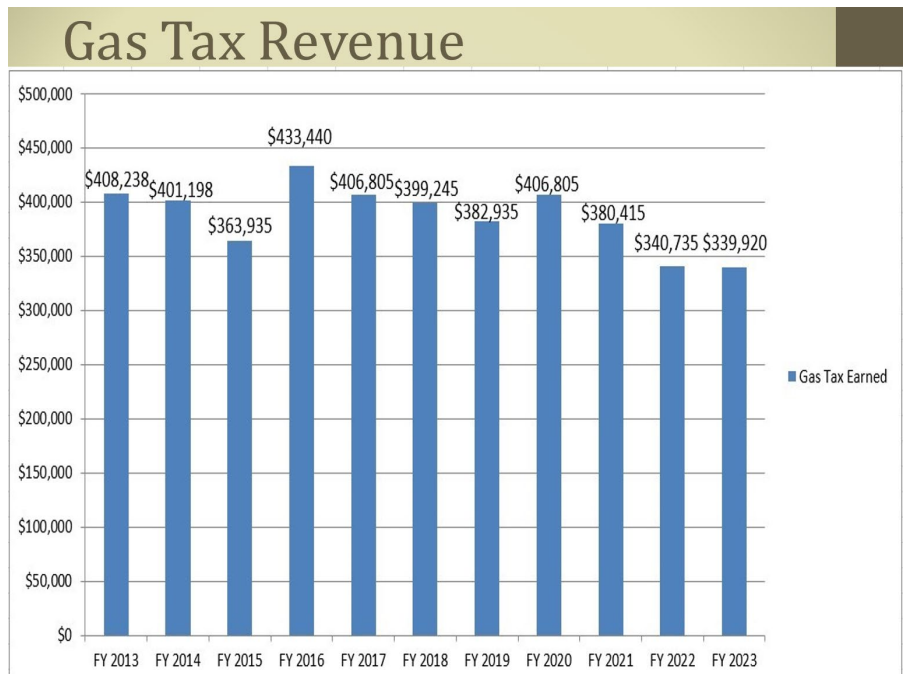
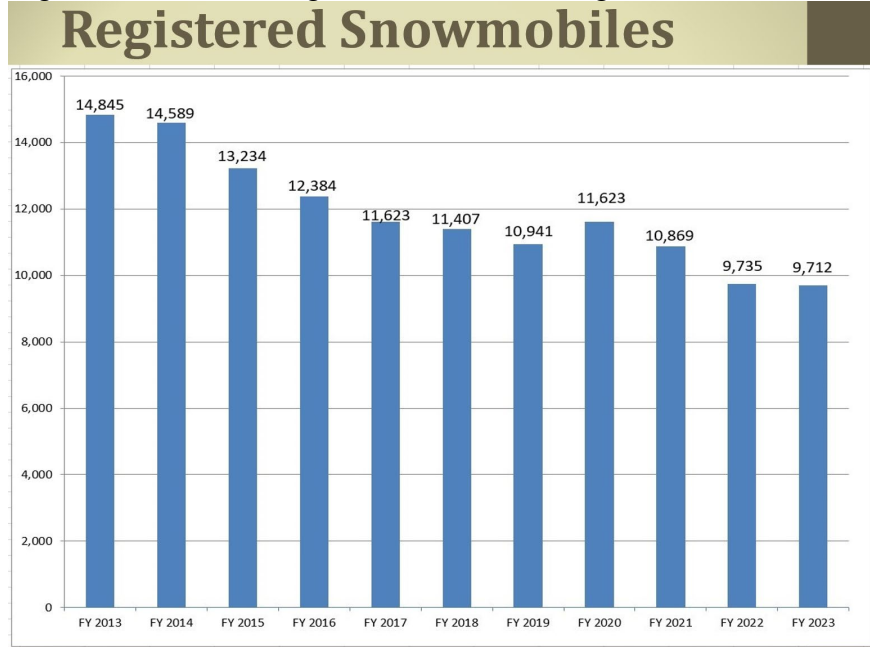
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Projected Capital Assets:  
Listed above.

Wilkinson made a motion to approve the FY2024 Snowmobile budget as proposed by Raynor. Motion was seconded by Hintz. **Motion Carried.**

Raynor shared the following slides with the council which depicted the number of registered sleds and gas tax monies brought in over the last ten years.



### **Future Program Discussions**

GFP staff attending the meeting addressed the council about how snowmobiling trends and operations in the Black Hills and on the eastern side of the state are currently changing. GFP staff presented broad subjects related to the program that they feel are good starting points for discussion, while trying to create a scope of work for a consultant to come in and help plan for the future. Assess trends in Snowmobiling, Fiscal Impacts, Review program statutes, rules and procedures, specific challenges and issues, provide recommendations for various program procedures, solicit public comment and create steering committee. Wilkinson agreed this was a great idea and mentioned we are probably late in doing this based on how quickly things are changing in the hills. After further discussion Raynor would remind SDSA and the Council to agree upon a couple members for the steering committee in a few weeks and the first meeting was set for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in Aberdeen.

### **Election of Officers**

Bruce Hintz will take over the Chairman responsibilities at the November meeting. A motion was made by Wilkinson and seconded by Kennedy to make Al Nagel Vice Chair. **Motion Carried.**

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Aberdeen. This meeting is held in conjunction with the SD Snowmobile Association's Annual Convention.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Wilkinson and was seconded by Nagel to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. **Motion carried.**