



Meeting Summary

The Illinois Greenways and Trails Council will met on **June 24 and Thursday July 10, 2025** at the DNR headquarters, and virtually via the web platform WebEx.

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The **agenda**:

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RTP Recommended Project Discussion

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Attendees and Represented Organizations

- Bill Brown, IL Association of Snowmobile Clubs
- Letsky, Stephen M., DOT
- Hunter John Harris, ABATE/OHV
- Dave Simmons – Ride Illinois
- Tony Troyer – HCI
- Amy Madigan, DNR
- Dale Brockamp, DNR

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Attendance

Mark Hazzard, IL Assn of Snowmobilers (IASC)

Greg Mihalich, IL- DCEO

Stephen Letsky, IDOT

Amy Madigan, IDNR

Dave Simmons, Ride Illinois

Hunter John Harris, ABATE/OHV Advisory

1 "Mark Hazzard- IASC"

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Okay, trail advisor, been involved in snowmobiling for, I don't know 50 years I guess, so been around a long long, long time and and worked with the DNR closely on grants and.

2 "Mark Hazzard- IASC"

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Oh, we were down in spring or yeah down down Washington DC at the end of April talking to legislators about RTP, so pretty active folks too.

3 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" Amy Madigan, IDNR

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Okay, Greg Mihalich s joined the call. Daisy.

4 "Corral Jacquez, Daisy"

00:00:38.087 --> 00:00:54.887

Hi, I am Daisy. I work here in Grants in Springfield. I'm a consolidation grant administrator one and currently I am working with three rtps. So yeah. Awesome. Thank you. Joshua.

5 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" Amy Madigan- IDNR

00:00:57.692 --> 00:00:58.812

Okay.

6 "LeMasters, Joshua T."

00:00:59.374 --> 00:01:07.133

Good morning. My name is Josh. I am a conservation grant administrator here at DNR. I've been here for about two and a half years now.

7 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" Amy Madigan – IDNR (AM)

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Alright, great, thanks Josh. Jill.

8 "Nation, Jill R." – IDNR

00:01:13.852 --> 00:01:24.451

Hi, my name is Jill. I'm also a grant administrator here at DNR, and I just hit my anniversary as the grant administrator on 1 June. Awesome.

9 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" – (AM)

00:01:24.869 --> 00:01:27.989

Congratulations. Tony.

10 "Tony Troyer- HCI"

00:01:31.571 --> 00:01:53.690

I'm Tony Troyer I'm with the Horsemen's Council of Illinois. Kinda like Hunter John, we work with, the Equestrians in the state, protecting our lifestyle or our lifestyle, and, I work a lot on trails with the DNR up in Northern Illinois region one.

11 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:01:54.746 --> 00:01:56.906

Awesome. Great. Thank you. Andrew.

12 "Reagan, Andrew C." - IDNR

00:01:59.765 --> 00:02:08.885

Hi I'm Andrew Reagan I'm grant administrator. I've been with the agency for two and a half years. Yep, do RTP. Thank you.

13 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

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Good morning Loren. Morning, everyone. Morning.

14 "Loren Easter" – IL Mountain Biking

00:02:13.970 --> 00:02:45.289

Primarily interested in off road cycling, in the way of natural surface trails, mountain biking, typically called mountain biking, but of course we don't have too many mountains here in Illinois so just you know primarily the, the off road cycling on natural surface trails, but also work a little bit with Dave Simmons as we see here, probably getting ready to go soon with ride Illinois and some of the pedestrian infrastructure issues around Springfield and the sake. Awesome.

15 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:02:45.595 --> 00:02:49.715

Thanks. Dave, good morning.

16 "Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois"

00:02:49.969 --> 00:03:16.929

I don't know that I heard the prompt, but I think I'm catching on quick intro to executive director ride Illinois, so we're the state's nonprofit bike advocacy org, yeah, as Lauren mentioned or you know we're working with folks locally as well, you know, trying to promote and promote biking and, and make sure it's safe and encourage folks to get out there on two or more wheels. Awesome.

17 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

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Steve. Steve.

18 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:03:21.576 --> 00:03:25.256

Good morning, everybody, Stephen Letsky with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

19 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

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I am our former statewide ADA pedestrian and bicycle policy engineer, so I ran a lot of our design manual policy updates. I am now the region one, so essentially everything north of I80.

20 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

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I administer NEPA, but I since they have not backfilled my former bicycle policy engineer position, I still answer many of the technical elements for bicycles. On top of that, excuse me, I am the chairperson on a national.

21 "Letsky, Stephen M."

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The AASHTO, which is the American Association of State Highway Transportation officials, that all stadiots put money into. I am our chairperson of research for what we call the council on active transportation. It's one of the biggest councils now, our growing councils. We get involved with a lot of research and that's probably something I will be talking more about today. So there you go.

22 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" - Dale Brockamp - IDNR

00:04:23.790 --> 00:04:40.150

Thank you. Dale. Yeah, good morning, my name is Dale Brockamp I am the division manager for, field operations for here in Office of Realty and Capital Planning.

23 "Mihalich, Greg" – IL-DCEO

00:04:42.272 --> 00:04:50.272

Hi, good morning, everyone. Greg Mihalich, I'm a program manager with the Illinois Office of Tourism.

24 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:04:51.363 --> 00:04:58.003

Welcome. I think we do have a quorum. I'm joining to another place here just to make sure I can.

25 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:05:07.352 --> 00:05:12.472

Okay, that's not NO, that's I don't like that at all, but I'm gonna leave that meeting.

Suggest meet your speakers and. There we go. Right? But for in the interest of time, so what I'm gonna do is hi, Bill Brown, just joined the call. Good morning ,Bill.

Unmute yourself when you get a chance there So what I'm gonna do instead of being able to share my screen like I want or I'm not sure Steve Stephen, did you have a suggestion on how to.

Change that feedback, maybe?

29 "Letsky, Stephen M."

00:05:55.544 --> 00:06:07.824

Well, we don't hear the feedback anymore, but just on your local computer conference room, so just mute your speaker and mute your speaker. So mute your microphone and sorry.

30 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:06:09.027 --> 00:06:23.347

It doesn't catch up in the loopback on the speaker right there. Oh yes. That's the one to this, but the one my computer is the one that's coming through because I can't obviously share any call. Can I do that?

Oh, let's do something here. Let's see if cause I've not done this before. Let's see if this works. It may not ECE did it by me?

Nope, not yet. Oh, oh, now what happened?

Nope. Okay. Let's not do that. Alright, I'm going to try again and let's kind of go backwards a little bit while I pull this stuff up and, let me ask everybody if they something that they want to report on any groups, whoever wants to something that they want to talk about, like pop on up there.

34 "Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois"

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You maybe and I some folks might be familiar with this, but I just kind of throw it out there for just general knowledge. But Son who folks might know from open lands. He just kind of initiated a, kind of revisiting the Grand Illinois trail concept and and taking a look at, you know, where are the gaps, where is maintenance needed? Very high level.

35 "Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois"

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But there's been a couple discussions about that including, you know, marketing the trail and trails in general in Illinois. So I just wanted to throw that out. I can't remember if anybody on this call was also involved in that. So just an effort, a renewed effort really did the grand illinois Trail.

36 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:08:00.699 --> 00:08:21.419

Great. Thanks, Dave. Pat Davis just joined us. Do you want to introduce yourself Pat? Hello, everybody. I'm Pat Davis, the chief accountability officer. Here to learn. Awesome. Okay. Anybody else have anything they want to offer?

37 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:08:23.680 --> 00:08:42.760

Yeah, this is Hunter. We did a few weeks back, we finally after, I don't know, what did I say at that thing, five governors, five directors of DNR, we finally got the 1st state owned off road writing park officially open. So that for that was a major task for me and Amy.

38 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

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So I just want to let you guys know that and I want to try and do another one, but I don't know if I if I have enough years left in my life to do it. That one took like 26 years.

40 Bill Brown - IASC
00:08:56.637 --> 00:08:58.917
Congratulations. Okay.

41 Hunter John Harris - ABATE
00:08:59.421 --> 00:09:00.220
There was a battle.

42 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)
00:09:00.942 --> 00:09:17.942
It was a battle, that is for sure, but it's it's open now and we have definitely the considerations for the next phase of that at getting that campground in there. From I'll just rolling back to our agenda here really quickly to our DNR report.

And maybe Dale, you want to give a little overview of like where we are project wise, budget wise for our DNR's projects? Things are moving along quite well. We're under construction on a majority of our projects are still one or two that we haven't broke down yet or really started on design.

But, most of them are moving along. We're submitting invoices to FHWA so that we don't get on their nasty list. That that's one of the biggest things, you know, if you, if you go for like three months of in in a row without submitting an invoice.

For any inactivity then they put you on what is called, the fire report. So we try to keep our names off of that because that goes to the director and it kind of looks like we're not doing anything. Well, it takes a long time to initiate contracts and just get through the procurement process, but.

46 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" Dale Brockamp – IDNR (DB)
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We are moving forward with a lot of our projects, we've wrapped up, I think Amy closed out three or four projects here recently that were completed and we closed them out. We're starting new ones all the time, so we've got we've got more than I want in, in the process right now. I'd rather us.

47 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)
00:10:36.149 --> 00:10:55.789
Finishing them off before we start new ones, but it's just things take forever. There's a long lead time on everything. It's just, it just takes longer than what it should, but it's just the nature of the beast, I think. Alright, Pat or one of the grand staff, where are we at on your other grant programs? Can you report on those?

48 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)
00:10:56.639 --> 00:11:11.319
Besides RTP. What else did we have? So we've we've received the the bike path and the OHV grants and. Andrew I'm gonna have to like pick your brain on this one, right? Or Josh, you maybe able to answer that question in the more detail of where we're at. I know, Drew Jenkins was out today he called in. He would be the one that would give us a real good answer. I know we had more funding available than we had grant request in in in our snow and in our stuff grants, so those should be getting announced soon. Josh, you want to say something?

51 "LeMasters, Joshua T."
00:11:52.517 --> 00:12:13.997
We got RTP, OHV, Snowmobile, and STEF applications have all come in. Those have all been reviewed at this point. And then, the bike and LWCF are the two that they're the most recent applications that have run, those have not been assigned to review yet, but those would be the next ones that we would get to.

52 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)
00:12:20.604 --> 00:12:23.723
Thank you. Alright, I am going.

53 Hunter John Harris - ABATE
00:12:24.601 --> 00:12:25.122

I got a question.

54 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

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Yes, please. All right.

55 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

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My first, I know we got a meeting coming up I think in 20 June on the OHV grant process because we've got our money. But with the new budget just passing, does anybody know, is any of our stuff gonna get touched, hacked, stolen?

56 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

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Everything I've seen so far, those programs look to have remained the same. What we requested is what we, we had in the budget. So, that was a preliminary look through trying to pull it all over into a usable format for me instead of the bill. But I did, I did see the dollar amounts that I expected to see in there.

57 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

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All right, so that'd be a miracle if we didn't get hatched it. I'm surprised, but I'm glad to hear that. Thank you. Yeah.

58 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

00:13:16.402 --> 00:13:23.202

I did just hear back from our office director just about 15 min ago before this meeting that some of our programs did have funds swept from them. I don't know what programs they are. This is my first day back unfortunately. But, she said that several of our programs did get funds swept from them.

And those are programs that had excess money in them. The state used to do that frequently. They haven't done it in five or six years, but apparently it happened this year that they needed some money, so they just took them from us.

61 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

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We're well aware of that one. Alright, so any of our programs got swept and we're needing that money, let me know, please.

62 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

00:14:07.299 --> 00:14:11.339

Okay, I will. I'll once I figure that out, I haven't seen those the list yet.

63 "Bill Brown" - IASC

00:14:12.899 --> 00:14:16.419

Amy? Yes, this is.

64 "Bill Brown" - IASC

00:14:18.869 --> 00:14:45.189

I'm the only association and we have our team money, our grants that were approved last year and we have yet to received money from last year. When will that be available?

65 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" Pat Davis - IDNR

00:14:48.260 --> 00:15:09.260

I'll have to check. I thought we had gotten that out, gotten all the agreements out to you guys on that. And I don't know if I've seen a payment request come through to actually get you the to the get you the dollars I don't think we're at that stage.

66 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:15:11.479 --> 00:15:30.279

Of actually sending, getting an invoice in and paid it? Well, if they, if they've been awarded your money, you've gotten your letters that they you they got NOA. But no money can they can't send any can't spend any money until they get notified. Let me check on that I thought they were all out.

68 "Mark Hazzard- IASC"

00:15:33.038 --> 00:15:35.679

Several times about this Pat, this is Mark.

69 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" Pat Davis – IDNR (PD)

00:15:36.621 --> 00:15:40.661

Yeah. Yeah, that's why I thought it had been taken care of, Mark. No.

70 "Mark Hazzard- IASC"

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Not yet. Alright.

71 "Bill Brown" – IASC

00:15:47.041 --> 00:15:49.761

So, are they gonna get.

73 "Bill Brown" - IASC

00:15:52.284 --> 00:15:55.484

Are you gonna send us some money or or what's the deal?

74 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" – (PD)

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Yeah, if you've been awarded the grant, you will, you will get the grant agreement and receive the funding. I just need to see why it hasn't been done yet.

75 Bill Brown - IASC

00:16:09.137 --> 00:16:09.297

Thank you.

76 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:16:13.262 --> 00:16:26.662

Does anybody in the room here have any idea on what the OSL AD, the Open Space Land Act, and development cycle looked like from last year? I don't see a report of which projects were awarded.

77 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

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For OSLAD?

78 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:16:31.516 --> 00:16:42.115

Yes, I'm on the site and I don't see a list. Do you guys happen to have that? Because those projects too can be eligible for, you know, buying the land necessary for the trail systems.

79 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (PD)

00:16:43.316 --> 00:17:03.836

Yeah, those should be out on our site. I know we've given the report to the to the legislator on our 25 awards. So I'll see where that's why that's not out there on the site. Yeah, all the 20 fives were announced in December of last year.

80 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:17:07.153 --> 00:17:16.553

Oh, thank you. For my work in the whole Nipa realm up in northern Illinois, if we touch those Osload properties, I have to go through a lot more rigorous reporting.

81 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (PD)

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Alright, I'll I'll try and get that to you.

82 "LeMasters, Joshua T."

00:17:24.941 --> 00:17:26.061

Okay.

83 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:17:27.333 --> 00:17:48.653

Well, I am not sure, even though I'm on here. Can you anybody see my screen if that's up there? No. No, ok, so it's for whatever reason I can't share my screen today and I don't that's never been a problem for me before. So I'll just kind of verbally go kind of where we are on, applications and I'll send you all out a an Excel spreadsheet.

That's a little more cleaned up here after the meeting. And at this point we have five local applications, one from the Roselle Park districts for the goose lake trail improvements project. The total of cost is \$488000.

Freeport Park District, Jane Addams trail. That is a total of 250. Those grants will be kept at 200 \$200000. Village of Germantown Hills for the Village of Germantown Hills trail rehabilitation.

That total cost is \$349,000, and the Huntley Park Park District for Warrington park trail. Ooh, that is also \$349,000 \$200000 cap grant. Berwyn Park district, the Proksa Park trail renovation. So the grant total for them will be if those all those projects are granted will be a million dollars, and I think the last time I looked we had, I can pull that up here really quick while we're talking too.

87 "Bill Brown" - IASC

00:18:54.196 --> 00:18:54.235

We.

89 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

00:19:02.839 --> 00:19:17.999

Oh, we have a, a new regional engineer for region four which covers South central, Western and South Central Illinois. He will be starting with us on 16 June. He's coming to us from the Department of transportation.

So, sorry Steve, but we we still want your guys but we're excited to have him. He's gonna fit in? It is a Jeff Schweizer is the name actually.

91 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

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Okay, so he's coming to us.

92 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

00:19:38.891 --> 00:19:46.131

It's from district eight, I believe is where he had been previously employed. So we're excited to have you.

93 "Bill Brown" (2311404288)

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How far north is at district?

94 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

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That's really St. Louis. Yeah, district 8 is.

95 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

00:19:54.138 --> 00:20:04.498

St. Louis, but our region four covers Menard County, Schyler county. It actually goes over to Hancock County and then everything's south of that.

96 "Bill Brown" - IASC

00:20:06.818 --> 00:20:07.898

Okay, thank you.

97 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:20:15.636 --> 00:20:42.796

And it looks like we will potentially, well, there's a potential lapse of the \$27000, but we'll get that. No big deal there. So yes, we have about 3.2 million million available to us. We had a million and now our projects.

We have projects which are right now pretty big lists. We've I think internally I could safely say as I mentioned to you that we've all been kind of doing a lot of chasing things and figuring out how our, our inter or what's going on is happening.

So getting our projects together and, and kind of winnowed down for you guys, we haven't quite gotten there yet. Region four, we only have a couple projects for region three. That's for Fox Ridge, Embarrass River, and that's phase two. And then the other is still there Spitler Woods phase three, which has been hopefully be I think the last phase of that project. Yes.

And that total cost is 250,000 the grant will be 200000. Region five, we have a lot of projects though in the interest of my time I won't go through every single project slow down there people. Let's go back to region one, which we've got several projects listed, but.

Potentially at least at this point when you get this list, they will still be potential projects. And I think what we'll do is internally we'll set a date deadline by, you know, in the end of next week that we can kind of window down and decide what we really want to present to, and then we'll give you the list and then we can arrange another really brief meeting.

Just to do a Webex for just, you know, a quick, you've seen the list, you approve, and then we can get those started through CERP, the locals in our projects, so if everybody's ok with that, in fact, let's just go ahead and and nd take a motion to discuss today, but knowing that we will get a formalized list and hold another brief meeting to go over that list.

105 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:22:53.739 --> 00:23:10.099

Amy? Yes. The people that are owed money will get that money before we hand any out, right? Or is that money gonna come out of this part, this money you're talking about, it's already set aside the money we're owing to people from the past. Now, I think.

106 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:23:10.293 --> 00:23:28.773

Like what I'm not sure necessarily since I don't enter all the local grants and I'm not sure exactly how they're, they're labeled, but if they are in the female system, they are already counted against that total that I gave you. Now, if they are not, then that will change the amount.

Available but it's still, I mean kind of, you know, not negligible, but, I don't think it'll necessarily completely affect, but I'll let you know Bill and and Mark and and Pat, you know, you need to have an offline conversation about that and of course we'll update you and the group if that, you know, amount or what our final amount will actually be.

And for this year I don't think we had any local motorized projects, but I know we have at least the next phase of Sahara Woods for the campground there, but just overall region one projects at potential projects at Argyle Lake and Castle rock.

Lowden Miller, and Franklin Creek, some work on the equestrian trail Tony be interested to hear that, installing some geo grids, that's a potential project for about \$50000. Johnson sock, replacing culverts.

Mississippi Palisades Overlook inspection and repair \$20000. We have several projects listed for some of these sites Mississippi Palace has some other repairing some sentinel bridges, repairs on the high point.

And others throughout the state as you can see.

113 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (DB)

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Just so you folks all understand, I announced my retirement a couple months ago and I gave all of my current staff a task. I, when I retire at the end of the year, I want to have a five year program laid out for the RTP program.

So basically I told all my planning staff, I want to have ten to 15 projects from each region without throughout the state, and I'm going to have, we're going to prioritize those and so we want to do three to four projects annually from each region. So.

You know, I I asked for this big list, so what Amy's rattling off is a whole lot of projects that are coming in, but that's really four or five year program. Right, exactly. I don't know how long it's going to take them to replace me, and so I want to make sure that I have a lot of this in place already going before I'm out the door.

116 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:26:11.619 --> 00:26:31.738

Right. So. Right, makes more sense certainly when I'm rattling off all of these projects. Yes, because we don't normally ask for 15 projects from each region because that's just not doable, but when we're going to have a five-year program and schedule that out, you know, and nothing's said in concrete.

Obviously priorities will change, you know, whatever, whatever it might be of 4th, a year four program maybe bumped up or maybe bumped back, but you know the next person will have to figure that out, but at least we'll have it on the books. Right exactly. Region two lots of potential projects for the I&M Canal trail for now and over the next five years.

Illinois Beach State Park, which we had an RTP project years ago that we had ended up having to withdraw, so this is good to see that back. Silver springs, several projects. So we'll identify the ones that we're going to fund this year, but at least you can get a snapshot look of, at what we're thinking about and planning for.

Region three, as I said, region five has several projects, biggest one being the RV campground for Sahara Woods. Out of what we're doing and then the what we want to recommend for funding. So like I said, we will get our kind of, by the end of, can we say the next Friday? Hopefully. Okay, say, well we'll say at least next week, but I want the council to make a motion that, you know, we accept that there will be an incoming list and that we will have another brief meeting to go over any of those projects and approve that list for funding.

121 "Bill Brown"

00:28:02.849 --> 00:28:05.809

Will this is before?

122 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:28:09.089 --> 00:28:13.689

I'm sorry what? Will that maybe for the end of the month? Most likely. Yes.

123 Bill Brown - IASC

00:28:17.351 --> 00:28:22.230

We're gonna vote on the RTP projects?

124 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:28:23.856 --> 00:28:38.335

Yes. You'll set, you'll get the information, we'll call in, we'll have, you know, it'll be 1015 minutes of your time, you know, to just to make sure since we don't have that available today, and one of the functions of us meeting is to approve that list.

So the next meeting will be a lot more brief, and again, if you have any questions and, and remember that when we, when we give projects each year, recommend for funding, you know, we have vetted those projects and those are the projects that we feel, you know, from our perspective, are the ones that need to be funded

Any of planning tips or any ideas on what we should fund initially. You know, everybody certainly has their areas or things that are important to them, but once you get that list, that will be pretty much the final list that you'll approve for sending and funding.

For a couple of the local projects that are ready to be funded. So as soon as those projects are through CERP or through NEPA, which once they're through CERP, NEPA usually doesn't take too long. So those will then get put into the system and make sure that we cover that lapsed fun last potential. I mean it won't last until September.

I will still be able to get a couple of projects in there before the end of this federal fiscal year, and make sure that that we don't lapse those funds and then we can, you know, obligate those projects as they become available after they've been NEPA certified. So does that make sense to everybody?

130 "Bill Brown" - IASC
00:30:21.450 --> 00:30:21.650
Yeah.

131 "Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois"
00:30:24.199 --> 00:30:26.279
Yeah, ok. Okay.

132 "Tony Troyer- HCI"
00:30:28.954 --> 00:30:53.395
Hey Tony. Hey, I just wanted to go on the record of asking why we can't get some of this information ahead of the meeting. It seems like the last couple of times is we we lack this type of information and everything and all of us got.

133 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)
00:30:53.588 --> 00:31:15.707
Well, my goal was to share our screen and have that information and I knew that we had a little bit more on our list, but in the And if I would be showing that to you right now if I could share my screen. Talking about these projects and I just got the other projects original projects in the middle of May. We don't have them prioritized yet quite honestly. We we've got them in, but we don't have them prioritized yet. Right? We'd rather give you that list with, with any of the supporting documentation, you know, we'll give you like, as I said, the kind of the, the global look at what we're.

Planning for, but then you'll get the projects that we're gonna recommend for this round of funding, you know, so, I mean and I don't I think in the interest of everybody's time and and Dale said, you know, I don't think we need to go over 75 projects in, in this meeting, but I want you to know that that's kind of where we're at and what we're planning for, is that five year look as well as what we're gonna fund this year?

And as I understand it too, there is still a bill in congress, that was brought up sponsored by Amy Clovishar and I believe a couple of Republicans, one for maybe Wyoming and maybe one in South Carolina to fully fund the RTP and make sure that it.

They kind of improves this funding, gets a little bit more about fully funds, and that is still it's been read I think twice, so hopefully, you know, that is something that that will give us some comfort, at least for this year going forward. We had a brief kind of internal meeting yesterday that.

We'll have to have a, you know, kind of our meeting here to talk about what the potential is and depending on how that federal budget looks and what the impact of what RTP might mean, in, in accordance with that budget. So, I encourage you to reach out to your, your folks if you have any questions about that bill. I'm pretty sure I sent you all the information.

On what it is and where it is and if I didn't, let me know so you'll know exactly which Senate bill that you're talking about. But as I would say, I encourage you advocates to do your advocacy thing.

140 "Mark Hazzard- IASC"
00:33:21.376 --> 00:33:24.736
It's Senate bill, 08:11. There is NO house bill yet.

141 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)
00:33:25.796 --> 00:33:25.836
Okay.

142 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:33:26.994 --> 00:34:00.274

You guys, please Amy send me that info. I'll reach out to all the other motorcycle rights groups and every other state to get what their congressman's and sent it because that affects and the biker wrote we're, we're represented in every state, so I will spread that for us. The next question, the question I had Amy is when you give us this line, these line items and the money that's going to be there, if there's money owed out that was going to be taken out of that, can you put that on there? Then another question I had was.

We had something come up where somebody got some RTP grant money, but I I don't know how it happened, but when you get this money, you got to do them test to make sure there's NO endangered species, all that stuff on the ground. Well, the RTP money will not fund that. So we need, we're making sure that these people understand that prior now, I hope.

145 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:34:28.123 --> 00:34:54.363

Alright, so let me I will, I mean I'm going to clarify for my own purposes too, but what I believe is that the amount that you see that's available to us is available to us. The projects that have already been obligated are already obligated. So that basically what that means to me is that amount of money is tied to that project and will be paid out and does not affect what is available to us now.

146 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:34:54.745 --> 00:34:56.305

Okay, that's what I would like.

147 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:34:56.304 --> 00:35:00.263

I'll clarify that. I will clarify that. That is why I just want to make sure that.

148 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:35:01.023 --> 00:35:22.863

I know there was a, we did last year we all approved somebody some money and 40 grand of it wasn't covered because of that. So we went ahead and we're gonna take it out of my OHV budget this year for them because it was an off road issue and I didn't want to see anybody else in this group get hurt with having to pay for that, so we took it out of that. So I just want hopefully.

149 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:35:24.304 --> 00:35:34.584

If that's an RTP project, let's you and I can talk about that a little bit offline too, but if that's an RTP project, you shouldn't have to be coming up with money unless that's from the match.

152 Bill Brown - IASC

00:35:41.163 --> 00:35:47.442

This is the Bill Brown from the state Association of Snowmobilers.

And I would just like to see. We snowmobile in the wintertime and we order groomers and stuff like that, the equipment and these dealers bring it in.

And we are waiting for our funding and it's it's bad news.

And we had we had groomer ordered in November. So I don't know what the hold up is on the RTP, but thank you.

157 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL")

00:36:58.006 --> 00:36:59.405

Completely agree. You're welcome.

158 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:37:00.167 --> 00:37:15.567

Does one of you guys want to explain that to him about how it and see if I'm wrong on this, but you guys go ahead, you approve with the money and stuff, but it's still the final bottom line is the governor's office has got to approve the cutting of the check, correct? Yes.

Where is normally the hang up? The reason I'm asking where the hang up is I'll see if I can help fix that problem. It's just I got a feeling I know where it's at, but am I wrong or right?

161 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:37:32.207 --> 00:37:52.007

No, I think you're wrong on that one. Right. I think it's just some internal grants, some, you know, we've had some turnover and, and training new people and, you know, some things sadly, you know, some things, you know, have fallen through the cracks, but not, it's certainly not intentional and we hear you and and you know.

We're not going to solve that in this minute right here, but it will get solved for sure because I can only imagine how frustrating that is. I mean, you know, this is obviously a great program because it's an 80 % reimbursement and frustrating it definitely. So.

As I mentioned to you, we also have a new fiscal person that is going to start to kind of, weave into some of our RTP management and that will hopefully kind of keep us a little more transparent and a little more consistent on making sure that our money is going where it's going. So I have some comfort in that, knowing that we'll have somebody else.

With a fiscal perspective, you know, that is, that is monitoring how all of these grants are being disbursed.

165 Bill Brown - IASC

00:38:35.524 --> 00:38:49.924

So what you're saying is that the money that was approved last fall has been sitting in the DNR or bank since last fall.

167 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:38:52.278 --> 00:38:54.198

Not our bank, the federal bank.

169 "Bill Brown" (2311404288)

00:38:58.458 --> 00:39:02.698

It could have been given to us? Yeah.

170 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (PD)

00:39:02.886 --> 00:39:19.245

It has been awarded to you. We just have not got the paperwork done to get the actual cash to you. It is, I just went upstairs that's why I left the meeting to go see if anybody had any idea what was going on with that grant.

171 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL")

00:39:19.680 --> 00:39:34.720

And it looks to me like it, the, the grant agreement that was should've been sent to you has not been sent to you to to release that money out. Once that's done, then you'll have to submit an invoice to us to pay for those things.

172 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL")

00:39:35.330 --> 00:39:55.650

So, but the money is, is set aside for you and available once we get all those, ice dotted and t's crushed. So I've got a, to talk to that grant manager and see why it was not processed and to get it processed as soon as possible.

173 "Bill Brown" 00:39:57.243 --> 00:40:05.963

So, basically, we can't spend the money until you give us the final approval.

174 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL")

00:40:07.757 --> 00:40:09.998

Correct.

175 "Bill Brown" (2311404288)

00:40:10.241 --> 00:40:14.120

We're waiting on the manager there or whoever it.
For a final approval.

177 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL"(AM/PD)

00:40:18.947 --> 00:40:34.827

So basically, though, what you're waiting on is a letter. Our program procedures are dictate nobody starts any projects or spends any money until you get a grant award letter that says, and basically you have a federal grant number and a DNR grant number. Right?

And until that time, that money is still sitting there and it's been obligated for you. And again, we apologize that it has taken so long, but if we, again, if we can look at some, when the actual date or when it was in the system, you know, there can, there may be able to be as long as we're crossing over the right dates, you know, if you.

So there's it we'll get that clarified, but that that is exactly the point. You cannot spend any money until you get a letter and we messed up, and you didn't get a letter, and we're sorry about that. But we have your money or the Feds have your money. I will call you tomorrow Bill, and we will discuss it, the grant manager should be in tomorrow and we'll figure out what where we're at, what we need to do.

180 Bill Brown - IASC

00:41:26.425 --> 00:41:26.745

Thank you.

181 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:41:29.688 --> 00:41:31.168

Okay. Anybody else?

Okay, so I want that motion to table our discussion to our approval of the recommended projects for funding at a later date.

183 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:41:54.022 --> 00:41:54.782

So moved.

184 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:41:56.568 --> 00:41:57.488

All those in favor?

185 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:41:58.384 --> 00:42:00.384

Well we need a second. I mean we need a second 1st.

186 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:42:00.604 --> 00:42:02.804

Yeah, we need a second.

187 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:42:02.906 --> 00:42:06.706

I second.

188 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL")

00:42:08.084 --> 00:42:11.163

Who did whom who made that motion? I'm sorry what do you Steve said?

189 "Letsky, Stephen M." - IDOT

00:42:11.444 --> 00:42:13.684

Stephen had made the motion. Thank you.

190 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:42:15.104 --> 00:42:17.424

Thank you, Okay, all in favor? Aye.

All ayes, hearing no nays.

Okay, motion carries, and our meeting is being recorded, just so you know that, and we will get our transcript back to you as well as that other documentation. I think, let me go back to our and you want to try and schedule this meeting for the latter part of June? Yeah, we'll look at the calendar here right here to give ourselves time maybe to make sure.

193 Hunter John Harris - ABATE

00:42:48.683 --> 00:42:54.524

I believe the OHV board meetings on the 20th, so please not schedule it on that date.

194 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:42:55.443 --> 00:43:03.483

Okay, let's look at the calendar. 25th. The 25th sound ok?

Okay, and it will be the same thing. It'll be 1030, and it'll just be a brief Webex, nobody has to go to Springfield, obviously, for that. All right. That basically is our next meeting. Everybody approves of that date at this time, you will get out, get information about that probably within the next week or but at least by next week. And can I get, if there's nothing else, then I need a motion to adjourn.

197 "Dave Simmons - Ride Illinois"

00:43:40.022 --> 00:43:40.061

So moved.

198 Bill Brown - IASC

00:43:44.205 --> 00:43:44.244

Second.

199 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL"(AM)

00:43:44.685 --> 00:43:55.645

Dave? Okay Dave and then Bill brown seconds. Bill seconds, thank you. Alright. All those in favor.

All ayes, hearing no nays.

Okay, motion to adjourn carries. If you have any questions, feel free to call me or email me, and you'll be hearing some in the next week.

203 "Bill Brown" (2311404288)

00:44:12.866 --> 00:44:13.146

Thank you.

204 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:44:14.026 --> 00:44:16.986

All right. Thanks everybody. Thank you all. Thank you.

205 "AGE SPRINGFIELD 2ND FL" (AM)

00:44:17.284 --> 00:44:17.444

Right.

Attendance 7/10/2025:

Ders Anderson, Openlands
Dale Brockamp, IDNR
Bill Brown, IASC (snowmobiling)
Pat Davis, IDNR
Loren Easter – IL Mountain Biking advocate
Mark Hazzard, IASC
Drew Jenkins, IDNR
Joshua LeMasters, IDNR
Steve Letsky, IDOT
Amy Madigan, IDNR
Andrew Reagan, IDNR

The Council met on July 10, as well and after brief discussion, the approved project listing was passed unanimously after a motion by Bill Brown, and seconded by Stephen Letsky. The meeting was adjourned after a motion by Jay Hall with a second by Hunter John Harris.

No further meetings are scheduled at this time.

FFY25/SFY26
Projects recommended for funding:

Local Applicant	Project	\$ Grant	\$ Match	\$ Total
Roselle Park District	Goose Lake Trail Improvements Project	200,000.00	288,000.00	488,000.00
Freeport Park District	Jane Addams Trail Bridge Project	200,000.00	50,000.00	250,000.00
Village of Germantown Hills	Village of Germantown Hills	200,000.00	263,850.00	463,850.00
Huntley Park District	Warrington Park Trail	200,000.00	149,000.00	349,000.00
Berwyn Park District	Proksa Park Trail Renovation	200,000.00	50,000.00	250,000.00
Region 1				
Argyle Lake State Park	Replace Bridge on Little Fawn Trail	160,000.00	40,000.00	200,000.00
Castle Rock State Park	Heather Valley Trail	160,000.00	40,000.00	200,000.00
Lowden State Park	Eternal Indian Overlook staircases: lumber /hardware for maintenance	8,000.00	2,000.00	10,000.00
Region 2				
Illinois Beach State Park	North Point Marina to WI trail extension	256,000.00	64,000.00	320,000.00
Silver Springs State Park	Materials to rehab existing trail bridge and stairway	16,000.00	4,000.00	20,000.00
Region 3				
Fox Ridge State Park	Embarrass River Trail – Phase two. This project will construct a 0.62 mile	232,000.00	58,000.00	290,000.00
Region 4				
Beaver Dam State Park	Reconstruct 4,000 lineal feet of trail around the lake	160,000.00	40,000.00	200,000.00
Region 5				
Giant City State Park	Rehab decking on trail system rehab section of equestrian trail	124,000.00	31,000.00	155,000.00
Tunnel Hill State Trail	Repair bridges and washouts on the trail	68,000.00	17,000.00	85,000.00
Sahara Woods Recreation Area	Phase 1 Campground for OHV trail system	480,000.00	120,000.00	600,000.00
		2,820,000.00	1,195,244.00	3,870,850.00