

**Recreational Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday July 2nd 2013**

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari (C), Hank Ludtke, Steve Lindow, Larry Knutson, Dennis Hopman, Lonnie Neuner, Del Bergseth, Ben Grimsley

Staff Present: Martin Wiley, Guy Fischer

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Willis Mattison, Howard Kluender

1. Chair Welcome/Introductions:
 - June Meeting Minutes approved (Ludtke motion, Neuner 2nd; passed)
 - July Agenda approved (Hopman motion, Lindow 2nd; passed)
2. Open Forum: Willis Mattison. Interested in writing a few paragraphs for presentation to be posted; RAC consensus was o.k., but requested review. Additional comments on ATV presentation and their use of the recreational survey - sought some correction on ATV use numbers/interpretation that had been gleaned from survey.
3. Analyzing Current Roads and Trail Systems on Tax Forfeited Land in Becker County – Wiley
 - Discussion of ideas related to sharing trail maintenance per the Woods n Wheels club interest in maintaining some of the trails themselves; potential for some current piggybacking of maintenance onto snowmobile trails that are used by ATV's; mentioned of snowmobile clubs use of the wetland exemption for filling up wetlands for snowmobile trail, process for maintenance arrangement; pro's and con's discussion; Knutson not in favor of providing maintenance to ATV club, liability/ownership issues. The commissioner also shared with RAC members that discussions had been held with staff/commissioners about how to proceed with recreational planning. That the Bd. could/should be providing more policy direction in this area. Expressed an interest in garnering RAC support for County Bd. to develop recreational policies. RAC responses included some general concerns from RAC about forest/recreation relationship; harvesting vs. aesthetics relative to managing the forest; implications of designating some trails and closing off others (concerns about access for a variety of users); all tax forfeited lands need to be considered; open to Bd. discussion about developing policies relative to recreation.

RAC Motion: Support of County Board to move forward to develop recreational policies to guide the RAC. Bergseth motion; 2nd by Ludtke; motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion continued on various map areas relative to current ATV use of roads and trails.
 - SE Juggler Lake Rd.: Road crosses La Fleur property - posted no ATV; no current easement
 - Encroachment on NCT on map (closure/re-route potential): closed by County Board. Should there be a route east of NCT?
 - E. Elbow Lake Rd. to 113 route: Crosses DNR land which is closed (Limited) – county has no authority to open; crosses a wetland which requires SWCD review.
 - Trails off of Little Scenic - west side – previous staff had recommended that this area be non motorized
 - Forest Rider's Snowmobile Trail Re-route: May be o.k. for snowmobile; may require review for other uses.
4. Meeting adjourned.