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Subject: Designation of ATV Routes .
CTH "H": Town of Vilas, from CTH "C", northerly to Lloyd Creek Road, approximately 2 miles. ATV operation to be on paved portion of road in the direction of traffic.

Please be advised that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors has passed Ordinance #2-2005, granting the Langlade County Highway Department authority to designate County Trunk Highways as ATV Routes. Enclosed is a copy of the 6/1/11 Highway Committee meeting minutes designating CTH H, Town of Vilas, from CTH C northerly to Lloyd Creek Road, approximately 2 miles, as an ATV route. ATV operation to be on paved portion of road in the direction of traffic. Also enclosed is a highlighted map showing the designated route. The Highway Department has completed signing the route thereby making it open for travel at this time.

If you have any questions please contact this office at the above address.

Sincerely,

Crystal Wells
Crystal Wells, Interim Commissioner
Langlade County Highway Department

6/15/11
Date

cc: Gust Ullman, Jr., Vilas-Deerbrook Riders ATV Club
Steve Jackson, Langlade County Forestry Dept.
Kathy Jacob, County Clerk
Langlade County Sheriff Dept.

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ATV ROUTE REQUEST FROM VILAS-DEERBROOK RIDERS ATV CLUB FOR CTH "H", FROM CTH "C" NORTH TO LLOYD CREEK ROAD:

The ATV route application was reviewed. The Interim Commissioner expressed concerns about this route running past the Fuddfest grounds; she did not feel adding another motorized vehicle to the mix during the Fuddfest event was a good idea. Forestry minutes approving the route were reviewed and it was noted that there is not a viable trail option.

After a lengthy discussion, motion by Hurlbert, second by Zalewski to approve the ATV route request from Vilas-Deerbrook Riders ATV Club for CTH "H", from CTH "C" north to Lloyd Creek Road, with a restriction that the ATV route on CTH "H" must be closed to ATV travel from the weekend prior to the annual Fuddfest event through the weekend after the annual Fuddfest event; the vehicular speed limit on CTH "H" in that area will be reduced to 15 mph during the annual Fuddfest event. Motion carried. The VD Riders ATV Club will cover the signs and remove that covering before and after the Fuddfest event each year. The VD Riders ATV Club will make a deposit of \$200 to initiate the signing of this route. Charges to sign the route exceeding the \$200 will be billed to the Club along with a request for additional funds to be held on deposit for maintenance in this area caused by the ATV route use.

DISCUSS AUGUSTYN SPRINGS GRAVEL PIT:

The Augustyn Springs gravel pit was opened in 1998; it was County forest land prior to that. The Forestry Department retained the right of pit run (uncrushed material) from that pit. The Highway Department is responsible for maintaining the first two miles of Augustyn Springs Road, due to a stipulation by the Town of Ainsworth at the time the conditional use permit was renewed in 2004. The Highway Department also pays \$250 per year to Land Records and Regulations Department for the reclamation permit for nonmetallic mines. The original resolution stated that when depleted, the pit would be planted with trees and revert back to County Forest Lands for re-enrollment into the County Forest Crop Law Program.

Since inception (12 years), we have only crushed 17,723 yards of gravel in that pit. The last time we crushed in that pit was November of 2004 and there has been no Highway Department use of gravel from this pit since May of 2003. 6,720 yards of the total gravel crushed was used on Highway projects. The Forestry Department has purchased 2,834 yards in that period and the rest was used for State shouldering, simply to use up the gravel before it is lost due to shrinkage. For a comparison, the average we crush in our other active pits is between 6,000 yards and 11,000 yards annually. This has not been a productive pit for the Highway Department as originally anticipated and there has not been a need for gravel in that area.

The Interim Commissioner talked to the Forestry Administrator about transferring this pit back to the Forestry Department. If that happened, the Forestry Department could hire whomever they chose (including the Highway Department) to crush a stockpile of gravel for them when they need it. The Forestry Department would be responsible for any permits. The Forestry Administrator left the meeting prior to this discussion; this will be placed on the next Highway agenda to allow the Highway Committee an opportunity to discuss with the Forestry Administrator.

DISCUSS FAIRGROUNDS USE POLICY RELATED TO HIGHWAY DEPT. PERFORMING MAINTENANCE:

When the Ad Hoc Committee began their project of updating the Fairgrounds Use Policy, it was discovered there were references in two places in the existing document that stipulate the Highway Department perform the work. Although the Highway Department will perform work at the Fairgrounds, the language that states "will be done by the Langlade County Highway Department" under item VII (A) and "shall be done only by the Langlade County Highway Department" under

TOWN OF VILAS**ORDINANCE NUMBER 1- 99**

(Revised)

The Town Board of the Town of Vilas, Langlade County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED that the Town Board of the TOWNSHIP OF VILAS does hereby approve the use of the Town roads wholly or partially within all sections of Township Thirty Two (32) North, Range Nine (9) East, as ATV routes, provided that each operator of an ATV on said Town roads in Vilas Township shall operate the vehicles in a safe manner at all times on the far right of the roadway in the same direction as normal traffic, and shall hold the Township of Vilas harmless for any and all property damage, injury or death, which may arise as a result of the operation of the ATV on the Township of Vilas roadways and provided that the ATV owner shall maintain liability insurance on said ATV's at all times the ATV is in operation on the Township of Vilas town roads. ATV speed limit shall not exceed the posted limit as is for normal vehicle traffic. Vilas Township ATV routes are listed as follows:

- 1.) Range Line road from southern end to Lloyd Creek road.
- 2.) Lloyd Creek road from Range Line road to Mc Cloud road.
- 3.) N Pratt road from Lloyd Creel road to Hwy H.
- 4.) Dump Lane form Mc Cloud road to north end.
- 5.) Mc Cloud road from Hwy J to Hwy C.
- 6.) Jane Spur road from County Line road to Mc Cloud road.
- 7.) County Line road from Jane Spur to the south end of County Line road.
- 8.) Peterson road from Hwy C to the south end.
- 9.) Blue Bird Lane from Hwy C to the south end.
- 10.) South Pratt road from Hwy C to Lloyd Creek road.
- 11.) Fieldler road from Hwy C to the south end.
- 12.) Hayes road from Hwy C to the south end.
- 13.) Game Farm road from Hwy I to Hayes road.
- 14.) Zaitz Lane from Hwy H to the west end.
- 15.) Wetzel lane from Hwy H to the west end.
- 16.) Surty road from County Line road to the east end.

All Vilas Township roads to be used as ATV routes will be signed in accordance to Wisconsin State Statue (SS.23.33).