

**FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 22, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on April 22, 2014, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairman Millan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. The Clerk, Lisa Kalata, read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Albrecht, Berg, Campbell, Chaney, Cleereman, Collins, Connors, Dailey, Dehart, Gifford, Landru, LeMaster, Lukas, Millan, Otto, Savard, Shaffer, Sommer, Stamper, Tauer, absent, Stormer (1).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Tauer to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (20); absent, Stormer (1). Motion carried. Agenda approved as presented.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2014 MEETING

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Chaney to approve the April 15, 2014 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent Stormer (1). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH BOARD

A letter from Badger Farm Rail, LLC regarding the proposed abandonment of the rail line between Argonne to Crandon was read by the Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Paul J. Payant, Corporation Counsel, Administered the Oath of Office to Victor Allen Gifford. Let the record show, the oath has been accepted by Victor Allen Gifford and he is hereby verified to hold office.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Jim Schuessler, Forest County Economic Development Partnership director appeared to update the County Board on the WEDC grant. He provided a worksheet showing the amounts spent on the scoping phase and the sources of the funds.

RT Krueger, president of Forest County Economic Development Partnership was present to address the County Board on the proposed off road park. RT quoted the mission statement of FCEDP as follows: To improve the quality of life for all people of Forest County by cultivating appropriate economic development opportunities and sustaining positive socioeconomic conditions. They are trying to do just that with the proposed off road park and the possibilities it could have for economic development for Forest County.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board may consider a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis.Stat. §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. This closed session relates to:

Presentation of scoping phase for the proposed expansion of County forestlands and potential off-road park. Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Stamper to adjourn in closed session. Roll Call Vote: Albrecht AYE, Berg AYE, Campbell NO, Chaney NO, Cleereman NO, Collins NO, Connors No, Dailey AYE, Dehart NO, Gifford NO, Landru NO, LeMaster NO, Lukas AYE, Millan AYE, Otto AYE, Savard NO, Shaffer NO, Sommer AYE, Stamper NO, Stormer Absent, Tauer NO. (7) AYES (13) NO (1) Absent, Motion failed, did not go into closed session.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 15-2014- Presented by Forestry & Recreation Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Forestry and Recreation Committee is hereby authorized to utilize County Forest Project Loan funding from the Department of Natural Resources to purchase the BCPL Block of forestland within Forest County for the purpose of adding to the Forest County Forest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee is hereby authorized to apply for and utilize Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant funding, if available, to reimburse Forest County up to 50% of the cost of acquiring the BCPL Block of forestland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee and the Forest County Forest Administrator is hereby authorized to sign and complete any and all loans, grants and documents to complete the land acquisition and enrollment of the land into the County Forest Program pursuant to Section 28.11(4) Wis. Stats.

Motion by LeMaster, seconded by Landru to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (20); absent Stormer (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

Resolution 18-2014 – Presented by the County Board Chairman

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Forestry Committee should amend its County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan to be consistent with Off Road Park development and the associated land uses in order to effectively apply for the grant and loans described herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board Chairman, Paul Millan, shall act on behalf of Forest County in submitting applications for funding available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition grant program as well as a loan under the Wisconsin BCPL to acquire the land referred to above; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors will be notified if the grant and/or loan funding becomes available and will then obtain additional Board approval for the acquisition of said lands referred to above.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Savard to table the resolution. All present voting AYE (20), absent Stormer (1). Motion to table the resolution carried.

ORDINANCE

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Berg, seconded by Connors to adjourn. All present voting AYE (20); absent Stormer (1). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The foregoing is a condensed version of the minutes from the April 22, 2014 meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors. The complete proceedings are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Forest County Clerk and also on the County website.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the June 17, 2014 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Lisa Kalata
Forest County Clerk