

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: September 8, 2015

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: DON LEMASTER, BILL CHANEY, DON DEHART, DAVE CAMPBELL, BILL CONNORS, LARRY SOMMER

ABSENT: PAUL CLEEREMAN

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, LIZ WOOD, PAUL MILLAN, MARK FERRIS, TOM TALLIER, MARY TORGERSON

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting called to order by Chairman LeMaster. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as read. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Connors to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2015 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Connors, seconded by Chaney to approve Ziolkowski attending the WCFA Annual meeting in Trego on September 24 and 25. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski explained Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) which is the agreement between the US Forest Service and the DNR. The DNR will assist in managing timber sales on National Forest land for the next ten years and will hire LTE Foresters, consultants and will also contract services with the Counties. Ziolkowski stated if the County would hire a full time forester their wages, fringes and mileage will be paid plus an additional 15.78% overhead charge. Tom Tallier, Chairman of the Federal Sustainable Forest Committee, stated that a lot of the effort to get this land managed has come from Forest County. The revenue from the sales will stay in Forest County. Motion by Sommer, seconded by DeHart to hire a forester, contingent on funding. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski reported the timber revenue was \$301,736.06; park revenue was \$101,841.00 which is up \$17,774 over 2014 with 3 weeks of camping season left. Motion by Sommers, seconded by

Campbell to pay Tracey Mayer an addition two weeks wages for working until October 1. All voting aye, motion carried. A new seasonal policy was approved. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Chaney to approve the new seasonal policy and inform the seasonal campers that there may be an increase in fees for 2016. All voting aye, motion carried. (See attached Seasonal Policy Document) The increase in camping fee for the 2016 season will be put on the next agenda. Ziolkowski explained that the Lake Metonga Association is having a fund raiser to help fight invasives in Lake Metonga and requested gift certificates for camping at Veteran's Memorial Park. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Connors to approve giving gift certificates for the Lake Metonga Association. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski informed the Committee that the Certification Field Audit went well. A final audit report will be available soon. The Highway 8 ATV Trail was discussed. There are issues with getting a permit from the DOT to build the ATV trail. DOT will no longer allow a crossing at Rosa Road and Haney Hill an existing ATV Routes. No new options have been found that would be acceptable to the DOT. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Chaney to approve the 2016 Annual Work Plan. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Sommer to approve an Access Permit for Derek Schreiner that includes a \$100.00 administrative fee. All voting aye, motion carried. Forestry Department budgets were discussed. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Connors to approve the 2016 budgets. All voting aye, motion carried. There being no further business at this time, motion by Sommer, seconded by Campbell to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

Seasonal Camper Policy

Seasonal Campsites –

Sites 1-15 are considered seasonal campsites. Once these sites are filled, no additional seasonal campers will be registered. The length of the camping season will be determined by the Forestry and Recreation Committee (Committee). Camping fees are subject to change.

Reservations –

Campers interested in reserving a seasonal site must fill out a reservation form (form) and return the form to the Forestry and Recreation office. Returned forms must include a 50% down payment, which will be held until January of the camping season in which the reservation was requested. The remaining balance is due upon arrival to the site. Current seasonal campers will be given a registration form prior to leaving the park at the end of the season. Forms will be available on Forestry and Recreation webpage (www.forestcountywi.com) for other seasonal campers the first business day after the New Year's Holiday. Any camper interested in a seasonal site after May 1st will register with the Campground Manager.

Site Selection –

Campers will select 3 sites, on the form, in order of their preference. The Forestry and Recreation department will issue sites based on preference, availability and in a way most advantageous to Veterans Memorial Park. A notification letter will be sent informing camper of which site they will be on.

Veterans Memorial Park
Seasonal Site Reservation Form

Name _____

Address _____

Contact Number _____

Site Choices

A.)

B.)

C.)

Comments or Suggestions:

A check for 50% of the seasonal camping fee must accompany this form. Checks can be made payable to Forest County Treasurer and post-dated January 1st. Checks will not be deposited until after January 1st of the camping season.

Forest County Forestry and Recreation Department reserves the right to assign sites in a way most advantageous to Forest County.

*Return Completed Forms To:
Forestry and Recreation
200 E Madison Street
Crandon, WI 54520*