

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:** FORESTRY & RECREATION

**PLACE:** COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**DATE:** October 6, 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, MELINDA OTTO, MIKE MONTE, 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 DeHart, seconded by Connors to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2015 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski requested approval to pay an invoice in the amount of \$3,124.00 from MSA Professionals for reengineering a trail design to cross Highway 8 for the ATV trail. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Chaney to approve paying the bill in the amount of \$3,124.00 from MSA. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Connors, seconded by DeHart to go into Closed Session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85 (1) (e) "Deliberating or negotiating purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote was taken: Connors, aye; Chaney, aye; Sommer, aye; Campbell, aye; DeHart, aye; LeMaster, aye. All voting aye, motion carried. CLOSED SESSION. Motion by Connors, seconded by Campbell to return to OPEN SESSION. All voting aye, motion carried. OPEN SESSION. Motion by Connors seconded by Sommers to approve the Forestry Department sending resolutions to the County Board to acquire additional county forest land, apply for Project Loans and Knowles-Nelson Stewardship

Grant Applications. All voting aye, motion carried. The Committee also discussed obtaining other loans in addition to Project Loans to allow the County to acquire larger blocks of forest land and expedite the acquisition process. The Committee agreed that this is a beneficial, cost effective program for Forest County which is generating additional revenue to offset taxes, creating jobs for local residents, providing raw materials for local mills and providing additional recreational opportunities for the public. Ziolkowski and DNR representatives were asked to present this information to the full County Board. Millan agreed to contact Jason Hilger to obtain additional information on additional acquisition loans. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to approve sending a resolution to the County Board to support Good Neighbor Authority. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney seconded by DeHart to approve sending a resolution to the full County Board to request that the DNR allow local businesses to continue the traditional method of registering deer not the current electronic method. All voting aye, motion carried. Next meeting day is November 16, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. There being no further business at this time motion by DeHart seconded by Sommer to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting.