

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2016

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, LIZ WOOD, PAUL MILLAN, JAMIE ANDERSON, MARY TORGERSON

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman LeMaster. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Sommer to approve the agenda as read. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2016 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Jamie Anderson, from MSA Professional Services explained to the Committee that DNR is requesting more information on the Hwy 8 ATV trail before approving permits for construction. The trail will be disturbing more than an acre of land so DNR needs an erosion control plan along with a Storm Water Permit. Anderson quoted a price from MSA to complete the engineered plan between \$14,000-16,000. Ziolkowski stated that all bills paid for the trail so far have been from the ATV grant from the DNR. Motion by Connors, seconded by Chaney to go into Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. CLOSED SESSION. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. OPEN SESSION. Motion by Connors, seconded by Campbell to hire MSA Professionals to engineer Phase 1 of the Highway 8 ATV Trail not to exceed \$14,000.00, as well as provide an engineer stamped plan, meet all DOT and DNR design requirements; obtain approval of all permits, comply with the agreed upon timeline, with all payments retained until completion on May 1, 2016. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski explained that a landowner is interested in purchasing about 8 acres of open, treeless county forest adjacent to his agriculture fields. By selling the property the private landowner would agree to provide Forest County a permanent

easement across private land for forest management and hauling forest products off of the county forest. Motion by Sommer, seconded by Connors to pursue obtaining a permanent, recordable easement across private property for forest management and timber hauling access from the County forest. In addition, Forest County would pursue withdrawing and selling up to 8 acres of County forest land. This suggested agreement is providing there is no road work or cost to Forest County and the private landowner pays for an appraisal and certified survey. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Sommer to approve the two travel requisitions, the first to attend the ATV meeting in Phillips and the second is for the Spring WCFA meeting in Marshfield. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski informed the Committee that the DNR wants to decommission all fire towers including the Wolf River Tower on County land. The Committee suggested that Ziolkowski talk to Erler from Emergency Management to determine if the tower is needed for emergency services. Liz Wood from the DNR sent requested information on Good Neighbor Authority to the Committee. Future Timber Sale Contract changes will include the following: The owner or logging contractor does not have to be SFI trained or certified. At least one logging contractor must be SFI certified and onsite at all times during harvesting. Prior to moving equipment onto or off the timber sale area, scrape or brush all soil and debris from the exterior surfaces of all four sides, top and bottom of equipment and all attachments, to the extent practical to prevent the spread of invasive species. Pressure wash (preferably steam clean) all equipment and attachments in the same manner prior to locating equipment on county forest land. Equipment will be inspected by County staff. Placement of a contractor on the "no bid list" will be defined as follows: The intent of placing a Purchaser on the "no bid list" is to prevent a Purchaser from bidding on a future Forest County timber sale then becoming a contractor (Purchaser) and again, repeating poor performance on a county timber sale contract. Issues that may place a Purchaser on the "no bid list" include, but are not limited to, items such as carelessness with fire, failure to properly complete previous timber sale contracts, financial insecurity, habitual or

intentional damage to timber sale areas and residual standing timber. Once placed on the timber sale "no bid list" a purchaser will not be eligible to bid on or perform work on any Forest County timber sale for a minimum of two years from the date of notification to the Purchaser, by the Seller, in writing by Registered Mail. A Purchaser on the "no bid list" cannot profit from or receive revenue from a County timber sale. Any violation of the "no bid list" by the Purchaser, as determined by the Seller, will automatically place the Purchaser on the "no bid list" for an additional two years from the date of the known violation. A Purchaser is defined in Clause 32 of the timber sale contract and will include all Purchaser owned, operated, leased or contracted equipment used by the Purchaser, their respective officers, employees, agents, directors, assignees, partners, representative, successors, heirs, members and servants. Next meeting date will be February 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. There being no further business at this time, motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.