

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:** FORESTRY & RECREATION

**PLACE:** FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

(Moved from UW Extension Conf. Room to  
Forestry Department)

**DATE:** JUNE 20, 2016

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** DON LEMASTER, BILL CONNORS, DON DEHART, RON KARL,  
STEVE BUNDA, BILL CHANEY

**ABSENT:** DAVE CAMPBELL

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

### **MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman LeMaster. Motion by Connors, seconded by Karl to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Karl to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2016 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Personal appearance by Fred Heider from North Central Regional Planning to discuss the results of the C.O.R. P survey. There were 291 responses which is the highest per capita response he has received to date. Forty percent of responses were from Forest County residents. All Towns, City, Tribes and user groups were contacted in Forest County. All the towns and the City of Crandon were represented. Ziolkowski will forward the summary to the Committee members. The next steps necessary are : 1) Committee approval of Goals and Objectives 2) Heider will continue to complete the update of C.O.R.P. The Committee reviewed the Resolution to sell 8 acres of land to Jason Neilitz. Motion by DeHart seconded by Connors to approve the Resolution to sell land and obtain easements with Neilitz and send the resolution to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. There was no action on agenda item #6. The County Recreation map was discussed and there will be a new printing of the map every year. A combined snowmobile/ATV map was discussed but the snowmobile clubs feel that it is difficult to distinguish

ATV trails/routes from funded snowmobile trails. Snowmobile clubs fear losing easements/trails if ATV'ers use their snowmobile trail system without permission. The new Executive Committee appointed Sustainable Forest Committee was discussed. This is not to be confused with the FSFC Committee (Federal Sustainable Forest Committee) a volunteer group appointed by the County Board to research National Forest issues. The Committee agreed the new Sustainable Forest Committee (2 members) was not necessary. LeMaster stressed that all new members added or deleted on the Federal Sustainable Forest Committee will be approved by the Forestry and Recreation Committee as it has been done in the past. All Committee Members were in agreement. Ziolkowski reported that he went to Oneida County with Kyle Lewis to look at Oneida County's bike trails. Ziolkowski stated that their trails are very nice trail. Trail discussions will continue. Ziolkowski stated that the WCFA Summer Tour had 97 people registered and they were impressed with sites and businesses in Forest County. Three of the Forestry Committee members attended the banquet. Jamie Anderson from MSA stated he met with the Highway Department on site for the ATV Trail. The elevation stakes for the Highway 8 Trail are set but the Highway Department is too busy to start at this time. Ziolkowski reported that the ORV Council approved the County's request to amend the ATV trail grant with an increase of \$62,000.00. Next meeting date is Tuesday, July 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. Ziolkowski thanked Don LeMaster for his service on the Forestry Committee naming the improvements at the County Park including the electric and new manager's cabin, as well as multiple land acquisitions. There being no further business at this time, motion by Bunda, seconded by Karl to adjourn. All voting aye, motion carried.