

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:** FORESTRY

**PLACE:** COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**DATE:** July 12, 2016

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** BILL CHANEY, DAVE CAMPBELL, BILL CONNORS, DON DEHART, RON KARL, STEVE BUNDA, MELINDA OTTO

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, LIZ WOOD, PAUL MILLAN, TRACEY MAYER, DAN PETERS, MIKE MONTE, DAVE MEIER, BILL RODER, JAMIE ANDERSON, MARY TORGERSON

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda as read. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Karl to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski reported that the County Park revenue is \$18,600.00 above last year's revenue totaling \$56,282.00 to date. The park is well maintained with all seasonal sites filled. The purchasing of firewood was discussed. Tracey Mayer, park manager, stated that the firewood that has been brought into the park the last few years has been of very poor quality with many campers complaining. Karl stated that it was agreed upon by the Committee at the May meeting that the Forestry Department will purchase firewood on an as needed basis as was done in the past few years. There have been issues in the past with wood suppliers not cutting the wood to specifications, delivering on time nor piling the wood at the park. Connors felt the problem was that there was no bid on this load of firewood. Campbell stated that not having a bid is partially the Committee's fault as Ziolkowski asked the Committee in May if he should request bids for firewood. The Committee did not direct him to obtain bids but agreed to continue purchasing firewood at the lowest cost to the County. Motion by Karl, seconded by Chaney to approve paying Taylor Ziolkowski for 3.5 face cords of firewood at \$100/face cord for a cost of \$350.00 because it was agreed to in May. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Karl, seconded by DeHart to advertise for another 10 face cords of hardwood firewood, to be cut, split, delivered and stacked at

the park. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski will talk to the DNR about permits for dredging the boat landing at the County Park. Ziolkowski updated the Committee on the security/enforcement at the park. There are issues and concerns with speeding and parents not supervising their kids. Ziolkowski spoke to the Sheriff about the speeding and if they are provided with a license plate and car description the Sheriff stated they would issue tickets. The comp time for Ziolkowski for the WCFA Summer Tour was discussed. Connors read the employee manual where it stated Department Heads are not allowed comp time. Connors felt that the travel requisition was inadvertently signed. Torgerson stated she had informed Millan that all of the travel requisitions had hotel stays and comp time on them prior to signing. Karl stated that this was a special event and over and above Ziolkowski's duties and that he should be allowed comp time. Millan stated the matter will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee. Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) was discussed. GNA allows non-federal employees to assist in timber sale establishment. Connors feels that Forest County should be involved with GNA. Ziolkowski stated that Forest County has already passed a Resolution and signed an MOU that allows Forest County to participate in GNA. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Chaney to approve Roder, Peters and Ziolkowski to work 200 hours total under GNA. All voting aye, motion carried. The GNA hours will go to the Finance/Personnel Committee for approval of overtime and flexing work schedules to complete GNA work. Land acquisitions were discussed and prioritized. Ziolkowski provided a report on 6 potential land acquisitions. The Committee agreed to proceed on the top four priorities. The remaining projects can be worked on as funding becomes available. No action needed on agenda item #8. Ziolkowski reported that the DNR has informed him that they will not be purchasing the railroad corridor from Crandon to Argonne because of lack of funding. The DNR would like to see cost sharing between Forest County and DNR to purchase the corridor. The Committee directed Ziolkowski to get more information from the DNR. Ziolkowski explained all the ATV program grants that the Forestry Department administers including: Spring/Summer/Fall

Maintenance at \$34,332.00, Winter Maintenance at \$5,722.00 and UTV Maintenance at \$5,722.00 totaling \$45,776.00 annually. Additionally, the Forestry Department received \$202,312.00 to complete the Hwy 8 ATV Trail Development Grant. Jamie Anderson updated the Committee on the Hwy 8 project stating that all survey stakes are in place, guy wires moved with grading, fill and gravelling being completed by the Hwy. Department. Ziolkowski explained that the snowmobile program funding request for this year is \$259,325.00. Timber sale revenues are at \$209,000.00 to date. There are 5 sales that will be ready for fall timber sales. The next meeting date is August 15 and will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park at 4:00 p.m. There being no further business at this time, motion by Chaney, seconded by Karl to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

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