

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:** FORESTRY & RECREATION

**PLACE:** COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**DATE:** October 24, 2016

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

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

**ABSENT:** RON KARL

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

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by Otto, seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Bunda to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2016 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski updated the Committee on the Hwy. 8 ATV trail stating that there has been little progress due to the fact that the Hwy. Department is busy with paving and roadwork. Ziolkowski stated that Milan has moved the bridge to his home and is working on it. Milan is also working on the permit to move the bridge back to its trail site when completed. Ziolkowski informed the Committee that we have tentative funding approval for Phase II of the Hwy. 8 ATV Trail therefore we need to hire an engineering firm to finish designing the trail. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to recommend hiring MSA for the engineering work on Phase II contingent upon MSA providing a contract for services. All voting aye, motion carried. A meeting to approve the contract with MSA is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Courthouse. Fall timber sales were reviewed. A date to approve the sales for advertising was set for November 17, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Ziolkowski also asked the Committee to approve a policy to allow the Forestry Department Staff to open the timber sale bids the day before the Forestry meeting, so that references and SFI training can be completed prior to awarding the bids. Motion by DeHart seconded by Chaney to allow Forestry Department staff to complete reference checks on timber sale bidders, all timber sale bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on the day proceeding the date of the Forestry and

Recreation Committee meeting to award the timber sale bids. The bid opening meeting will be held in the Forestry Department Office on the second floor of the Courthouse in Crandon at 10:00 a.m. The bid opening meeting will have County staff present, a Forestry and Recreation Committee member, a DNR representative and any member of the public wishing to attend the opening and recording of bids. All timber sale bids will be summarized and forwarded for approval by the Forestry and Recreation Committee the following day. All voting aye, motion carried.

Ziolkowski explained that the Hwy Department has requested that the Forestry Staff set up a timber sale on land adjoining the Hwy shop. The sale will be advertised with the County fall timber sales. Ziolkowski was asked to document staff time for establishment and administration of the sale for reimbursement. Motion by Campbell seconded by Bunda to approve a travel requisition for Ziolkowski to attend a meeting in Lakewood to discuss Good Neighbor Authority. All voting aye, motion carried. The rates at Veteran's Memorial Park were discussed. It was decided to increase nightly camping from \$19/ night to \$20/ night, sites that are on the lake will be \$25/night (sites to be determined) monthly fees will be increased from \$500/per month to \$525/per month and seasonal rates will be increased from \$1400/season to \$1500/season. Motion by Otto, seconded by Campbell to raise the fees at the park effective January 1, 2017. All voting aye, motion carried. There being no further business at this time, motion by DeHart seconded by Campbell to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.