

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:** FORESTRY & RECREATION

**PLACE:** COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**DATE:** November 2, 2016

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, JAMIE ANDERSON, LIZ WOOD, PAUL MILLAN, MARK FERRIS, MARK KIRBY, HEATHER BURKLUND, MARY TORGERSO

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by Bunda, seconded by Karl to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Connors stated that he wanted a policy for developing agendas. The Committee suggested Ziolkowski discuss the agenda items with Connors 5 days before the meeting for Connors review and approval. The agenda will then be sent to Committee members at least 3 days prior to the meeting. If new agenda items are needed, the agenda can be amended up to 24 hours prior to the meeting. If any Committee member has an item they would like on the agenda they should talk to Connors. Heather Berklund, DNR Northern Region Area Supervisor, Woodruff Office, introduced herself. Heather expressed her willingness to work with the Forestry Committee on all DNR/County Forest issues. Jamie Anderson, from MSA Engineering, explained the proposed contract for engineering Phase II of the Hwy 8 ATV Trail. Anderson feels that the trail will be more costly than the grant funding available for the project. Connors directed Ziolkowski to talk to the DNR to inquire if they would amend the grant for additional funding for the trail if costs were to exceed the current grant award. The Committee will discuss hiring MSA to engineer the project at that time. Connors also directed Ziolkowski to inquire whether the DNR would fund the bridge replacement, with snowmobile funding, over the Wolf River on the Highway 8 trail. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Karl for Ziolkowski and Torgerson to attend a class at the DNR office in Rhinelander regarding a new program for snowmobile funding. Ziolkowski informed the Committee that, once again, he had been asked by the DNR if the County would be interested in buying the railroad corridor from Crandon to south of Argonne. The

Committee would need an appraisal before any decision could be made. Ziolkowski stated that he had been asked by County Board Members why the Forestry Department was not more involved in Good Neighbor Authority and felt that the Committee may want to discuss the issue. Connors stated that since the 200 hours already approved for GNA have not been used there would be no changes at this time and no money added to the 2017 budget. Ziolkowski reported that there are more maintenance issues with the mower used at the County Park. An estimate from a local business to fix the problems would be around \$1500.00. Connors decided that since the budget had already been set, there would be no money for a new mower, therefore, the old mower should be fixed. The Lake Metonga Association sent a letter to the Committee thanking them for the donation from park revenues for treating the Water Milfoil in Lake Metonga. There being no further business at this time, motion by Chaney, seconded by Bunda to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.