

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY**

**COMMITTEE:** FORESTRY & RECREATION

**PLACE:** COUNTY BOARD ROOM

**DATE:** November 17, 2016

**TIME CALLED TO ORDER:** 4:30 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, MARY TORGERSON

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Karl to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Karl to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski reported that he spoke to Cathy Burrow, from the DNR, regarding additional funding for Phase II of the Highway 8 ATV Trail. Ziolkowski stated that the DNR has never had an example of denying a contract amendment for additional funding to complete a trail. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Bunda to approve the contract with MSA Professional Services, not to exceed \$72,000.00, for engineering Phase II. All voting aye, motion carried. Connors stated that Forestry should get on the Highway Department schedule for completion of Phase I and starting of Phase II in the spring of 2017. Ziolkowski requested approval to advertise the fall timber sales. The 4 sales total 367 acres, with 4,901 cords of pulp and 280,000 MBF of sawlogs. Motion by Karl seconded by Campbell to approve and advertise the 2016 fall timber sales. All voting aye, motion carried. Spring sales were discussed with Ziolkowski stating the 2 sales already have boundary lines established by Bill Roder. Ziolkowski reported that the Forestry Department completed a very lengthy audit with 3 DNR auditors that reviewed timber sale files, severance payments to state and towns, land acquisitions, all grants as well as Standards of both Certification Programs. The Forestry Department received many commendations. Liz Wood stated that she had never been through one of these audits and found it to be very thorough and complete. The results of the audit should be available within the next two months. The 2017 Annual Work Plan was presented and a

motion by Chaney, seconded by Karl to approve the Plan and send a resolution to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. There were 3 other resolutions before the Committee for approval. Motion by DeHart seconded by Campbell to approve the Variable Acreage Resolution and send to the full County Board. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Bunda to approve the County Conservation Grant and send to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Karl, seconded by Bunda to approve the Forest Administrator Grant and send to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski received the appraisals on the Spring Lake and Forest Drive land acquisitions. Ziolkowski will apply for the Spring Lake acquisition first and after the first of the January 1 apply for funding for Forest Drive. There being no further business at this time, motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.