

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2017

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

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

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

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by Karl, seconded by DeHart to

approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to

approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Ziolkowski explained that Kyle Lewis requested to meet with the Committee about developing bike

trails on the county forest at the Otter Springs Recreation Area. Lewis has stated that the club has

liability insurance but has not provided a copy. The Committee is recommending that the bike club

have a maintenance agreement with the County, including a performance bond. The club is not to

cut any trees, or develop any trails without prior approval. Ziolkowski is also directed to contact

other counties to review their policy for bike clubs/trails. The Committee was given a copy of the

15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan updates for approval. It was suggested that the

compartment maps be updated to include a definition of the abbreviations for the wood species.

The Committee was also emailed a copy of the Forestry Department Ordinance that combined the

County Forest Ordinance, County Park Ordinance, Tree Stand Ordinance, ATV and Snowmobile

Ordinances for review. There was discussion on the ordinance members were asked to read it

and any changes will be discussed at the February meeting. Motion by Chaney, seconded by

Campbell to approve the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan updates including: County Forest

Boundary Map, miscellaneous map updates, camping regulations, timber sale contract and

compartment maps and forward to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion

carried. Bunda suggested the County follow the DNR "Trail Signing Handbook" and DNR "ATV Route Guidelines Handbook" to ensure that all County Highways are signed correctly as ATV/UTV routes to prevent accidents and ensure public safety. The signing issue will be forwarded to the Highway Committee. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Chaney to go into Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken: Bunda, aye; Karl, aye; Connors, aye; Chaney, aye; Campbell, aye; DeHart, aye; Otto, aye. Closed Session. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Chaney to return to Open Session. All voting aye. Open Session. No action on the land acquisitions. Motion by Karl, seconded by DeHart to send a certified letter to MILCO stating that no payment shall be made until the bridge is completed; an engineer needs to be onsite and approve the pouring of the concrete pilings. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Chaney that the logger is to pay the overdue stumpage payments in full or at least \$12,300 within one week of meeting with Ziolkowski and Connors. If partial payment is not received in one week, Ziolkowski is directed to request full payment within 15 days via certified mail. Ziolkowski is directed to apply the timber sale deposit to stumpage owed and collect the remainder through civil action. If the timber sale continues all forest products will be field scaled and remain on site until the County receives full payment. All voting aye, motion carried. The Committee is invited to take a tour of two timber sales on Friday, January 20th and will meet at the Highway Department at 10:00 a.m. The next Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting will be on February 13th at 3:30 p.m. in the County Board Room. There being no further business at this time motion by Otto, seconded by DeHart to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.