

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: APRIL 19, 2017

TIME CALLED TO ORDER: 3:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, LIZ WOOD, DAN PETERS, MARY TORGERSO, BILL ANDERSON, WAYNE WAGLER, GENE HAYES, TRACEY MAYER, MIKE MONTE, JUDY SAVARD,

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by Otto, seconded by DeHart to approve the agenda at the Chairman's discretion. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2017 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried. Tracey Mayer discussed her wage as park manager. Motion by Campbell seconded by Chaney to increase the pay incentive for the county park manager from 5% to 10% and to recommend the increase to the Personnel Committee. 6 aye votes with Otto abstaining. Motion carried. DeHart questioned why this issue needs approval from the Personnel Committee when the Forestry Committee has hired and established the wage rate for County Park staff for decades. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to recommend to the Personnel Committee to hire a seasonal park worker at the Count Park at \$10/hour after a background check has been completed by the County Clerk. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski informed the Committee that Tim Anderson, County Park/Trail Technician has retired. Ziolkowski requested that the vacancy be filled, no action was taken. Bill Anderson, Hwy Commissioner discussed ATV routes on County Highways. Anderson stated he was informed by D.O.T. that County and State Highway ATV crossings are compliant in Forest County. He felt there was no area where the site distance wasn't met requiring a sign. Bill Anderson also stated that the Highway Dept. will fix the Nicolet State Trail crossing on Hwy H with the highway department's mastic machine. The Soperton Street bridge in Wabeno was discussed but no action was taken as it is the Town of

Wabeno's responsibility. It was suggested to write the 100 Mile Snow Safari Snowmobile Club a letter stating Forest County will not fund or agree to any future snowmobile trail use of the bridge. Bill Anderson stated he will start construction on the Hwy 8 ATV Trail in two weeks. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Karl to award the ice bid to Firelite Ice at \$1.50 for a 10 pound bag of ice cubes and \$1.80 for an 11 pound block of ice. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Bunda to award the septic pumping bid to Jansen Septic at a total price of \$.031 cents per gallon. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Otto, seconded by DeHart to award the firewood bid to Beatta Smith for a total bid price of \$72 per face cord delivered and stacked. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Otto, seconded by Bunda to approve the Bike Trail Maintenance Agreement with the Forest County Single Track Association or FCASA pending suggested changes made by Otto and Corporation Council approval. All voting aye, motion carried. Connors tabled the Forestry Department Audit so there was no discussion or action taken. There was no time to pursue bids for a truck. Connors suggested obtaining a used 2008 truck from the Sheriff's Department. No action was taken. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Karl to approve the resolution to apply for grant funding for a new bridge over the Wolf River at \$210,000 and to send the resolution to the full County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried. 2017 Spring Timber Sales were awarded. Motion by Bunda, seconded by Chaney to have Corporation Council review the bidding process to determine if prices for "other products" can be negotiated and sold so the County can accept the most advantageous bid. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to award Tract #1-17 to Wayne Wagler for a total bid price of \$57,917.50 using the suggested policy from Lincoln County if wood under 4" in diameter is utilized. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Karl, seconded by Campbell to award Tract #2-17 to Randy McKee for a total bid price of \$60,290.00. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Karl, seconded by Bunda to award Tract #3-17 to Randy McKee for a total bid price of \$67,380.00. All voting aye, motion carried. All timber sales were sold to the highest bidder

having a total value of \$185,588.00 or equivalent of \$1,913.28 per acre. Motion by Karl, seconded by Chaney to go into Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting aye. Closed Session. Motion by Bunda, seconded by Karl to return to open session. All voting aye, motion carried. The Committee directed Ziolkowski to provide additional information on future land acquisitions to the Forestry Committee then full County Board. Motion by Otto, seconded by Karl to award the Forest Recon bid to Compass Land Consultants. All voting aye, motion carried. There being no further business at this time, motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.