

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOREST COUNTY

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY & RECREATION

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: MAY 15, 2017

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: DAVE ZIOLKOWSKI, CRAIG WILLIAMS, JUDY SAVARD, SCOTT STERNHAGEN, NORA MATUSZEWSKI, WAYNE WAGLER, JAMIE ANDERSON, MIKE MONTE, MARY TORGERSON

MINUTES OF MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Connors. Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Otto to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting with a change, that Otto made "suggested changes" to the Maintenance Agreement with the Forest County Single Track Association, seconded by Chaney. All voting aye, motion carried. Judy Savard made a personal appearance with questions for the Forestry Committee. Savard requested if a policy was developed at the previous meeting regarding the sale of "other forest products" on timber sales. Savard was informed that the policy has not yet been finalized. Savard stated she was contacted by individuals who were upset that logs harvested behind the Highway Department building were given away for free. Connors responded that Savard should request to be on the Highway Committee agenda to resolve that issue. Savard asked where the \$33,000 from the land acquisition account identified in the DNR audit went. Nora Matuszewski the County Clerk and Scott Sternhagen the County Auditor attempted to explain the status of the account. No action was taken. Savard asked about the reoccurring finding identified in the DNR Audit for the balance available in the Variable Acreage account. Sternhagen and Matuszewski stated that it is in the County General Fund as an undesignated account. The DNR Audit directs these funds to be in a County non-lapsing account by State Statute. No action was taken. Connors will establish a joint meeting between the Finance Committee and the Forestry and Recreation Committee. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Campbell to go into Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken Otto, aye; DeHart, aye; Campbell, aye; Chaney, aye; Bunda, aye; Karl, aye; Connors, aye. Closed Session. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Campbell to return to Open Session. All voting aye. Open Session. Motion by Karl, seconded by Chaney to authorize Ziolkowski to give a presentation on land

acquisitions to the full County Board on June 20th, in closed session. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chaney, seconded by DeHart to send a letter to MILCO that he has 10 days to start construction on the completion of the bridge with all work completed within 7 days. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to approve the 2 travel requisitions for Ziolkowski to attend a FSFC meeting in Florence and the WCFA Summer Tour. All voting aye, motion carried. Ziolkowski requested 40 hour work weeks for Peters and Torgerson until July 1, 2018 at a minimum. Motion by Karl, seconded by Bunda to recommend that Peters and Torgerson work a 40 hour work week until July 1, 2018 at a minimum. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to advertise and hire a trails technician. All voting aye, motion carried. Anderson explained the requirements to apply for a storm water permit for the Highway 8 ATV Trail, stating that when complete it is nearly a 100 page document with a full set of engineered design plans. Anderson stated that Forestry has applied for the storm water permit for the Hwy 8 ATV trail project. Ziolkowski explained that the Forest County Area Singletrack Association (FCASA) will need a storm water permit if their trail is more than 2.7 miles in length. Anderson was asked what it cost to develop a permit on behalf of the County or FCASA. He stated between 6-9,000 dollars. The Committee stated that if the club needs a storm water permit they are responsible for all permits and costs per their Trail Maintenance Agreement. Ziolkowski was directed by the Committee to notify FCASA that it is their contractual responsibility to complete all necessary permits or Forest County will stop all trail construction prior to meeting the threshold of soil disturbance to require a permit. A whole tree chipping policy was discussed. Motion by DeHart, seconded by Otto, starting May 15, 2017, Wayne Wagler will have 45 additional days to sign his timber sale contract to allow DNR and County Forestry Staff time to research and complete a whole tree chipping policy. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Chaney, seconded by Bunda to have Corporation Counsel develop a resolution to restore the State's Forestry Mill Tax Account. All voting aye, motion carried. The next meeting will be held on June 13th. Motion by Otto, seconded by Karl to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting.