

Forestry and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018

Members Present: Paul Millan, Bill Chaney, Melinda Otto, Ron Karl, Dave Campbell, Steve Bunda

Others Present: Joan Ginter, Craig Williams, Sam Blake, Bill Roder, Tom Tallier, Jamie Anderson, Mark Ferris, Tim Ginter

1. Call to order:

Meeting was called to order by Paul Millan at 4:30 p.m.

2. Approve Amended Agenda:

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

3. Approve minutes:

Motion by Otto, seconded by Chaney to approve the minutes from the January 30, 2018 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

4. Report on open timber sales and monthly timber sale revenue:

Monthly timber revenue handout was distributed to committee members. Pot Top timber sale is active. Ptarmigan timber sale—loggers plan to move wood from sale, no activity as of today. Scooter timber sale active—may need to request extension, will review next meeting.

5. Discuss Park operations with Tracey Mayer(park manager):

Bids to go out for Ice, Firewood and Septic Pumping. Request Elvis Coy to attend March meeting to discuss hours. Motion by Bunda to approve additional 10 hours a week for the 1st month(requested by park manager) for park opening, Seconded by Karl, all voting aye, motion carried.

6. Update from DNR/new liaison:

Craig Williams introduced Sam Blake as the new liaison for the DNR. Reported that with the absence of an Administrator in the Forestry Department, that the DNR would cover the Administration portion for the Department. DNR is finalizing the 2018 County timbers sale documents, should have complete by March 28th Committee meeting. DNR working on preliminaries for 2019 County timber sales.

7. Spring Lake/Forest Dr. Update

Corporate Council is reviewing all documents concerning acquisitions—closing tentatively set for March 15th.

8. Discuss potential acquisitions from DNR for Crandon to Argonne Trail—Rails to Trails

The County does have interest in this stretch of trail and Joan will try to set up an informational meeting with the DNR in the near future.

9. Discuss extension request on Phase II grant

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Otto to approve 1 year extension on Phase II grant. All voting aye, motion carried.

10. Good Neighbor Authority update and discussion:

Bill Roder expects to have marking on current project complete by March 15th. Craig Williams questioned the County's interest in continuing participation in the Good Neighbor Authority program. The committee expressed interest in continuing with the program.

11. Discussion and possible action on permission to attend WCFA Conference:

Due to the absence of a Forest Administrator, no action taken.

12. Discussion and possible action on Administrative Assistant Wage:

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Bunda to approve forwarding a request to the Personnel Committee to waive the probationary period for wage rate for Joan Ginter . All voting aye, motion carried.

13. Next meeting date will be March 28, 2018 at 4:30 pm

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Otto to adjourn. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

Minutes were approved at the March 22, 2018 Forestry and Recreation Committee Meeting.