

# ***Forestry and Recreation Committee***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

June 27, 2018

**Members Present:** Bill Chaney, Ron Karl, Dave Campbell, Steve Bunda, Don Dehart, Mike Miller

**Members Absent:** Kris Houle

**Others Present:** Joan Ginter, Ben Broquard, Sam Blake, Adam Bontje, Jamie Anderson, Tom Tallier, Bryan Dahlin, Bill Roder, Jack Matuszewski, Randy Werth, Bobbi Jo Lewis, Tracey Maher

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Bill Chaney at 4:30 p.m.
2. **Approve Agenda:**  
Motion by Miller and seconded by Campbell to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.
3. **Approve minutes:**  
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2018 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Short report on FSFC Meeting:**  
Ron Karl reported WCFA Meeting topics including DNR hours and the Knowles Nelson Stewardship. Tom Tallier reported on the GNA program.
5. **Discussion and possible action on Veterans Memorial Park improvements:**  
The committee directed the department to get estimates on sand for the beach and trees for the campground. The department was also asked to locate the site plans for the park.
6. **Discussion and possible action on hiring a Trail Technician:**  
Motion by Dehart and seconded Bunda to make some small changes in the job description and post the position on the government website and the paper. All voting aye, motion carried.
7. **Update, discussion and possible action on shooting range topics:**  
Discussion on grant possibilities. Motion to Miller and seconded by Campbell to pursue any available grants for improvements on the shooting range.
8. **Update, discussion and possible action on Wolf River Bridge Grant Application:**  
The department updated the committee on the meeting held between the ATV club, snowmobile clubs and the department. The clubs were concerned on the bridge specifications and decided to not have the department send the grant on to the state this year. The clubs will take a year to work on the 20% funding needed to satisfy the project. The department will look at this project again next year. No action needed.
9. **Phase I discussion and possible action on ATV club maintenance:**  
The ATV club is concerned about the cost of the maintenance on the hills and the possible washouts that could happen. Issues on dust control were also discussed. Motion by Bunda and seconded by Miller to add a catastrophic clause to the contract between the county and the ATV club stating the county would recognize and help with any maintenance needed due to catastrophic incidences.

**10. Update and discussion on Phase II project:**

The DNR grant specialist informed the department that if we have a money shortfall on this project that we would need to forward the DNR this information to them in the form of a letter and also let them know the amount of money that would be needed to complete this project by July 15<sup>th</sup>. The department has been in touch with the Highway department and MSA for help on getting accurate numbers and information to send in to the DNR.

**11. Discussion and possible action on “volunteer” waiver form:**

Motion by Miller and seconded by Dehart to forward the existing waiver form to Corporate Counsel to edit. All voting aye, motion carried.

**12. Discussion and possible action on future land acquisitions:**

Report on Knowles Nelson stewardship grant and available land parcels for sale. Bryan Dahlin will contact the department soon with information.

**13. Discussion and possible action on selecting a #2 chairman for the Forestry and Recreation Committee:**

Motion by Miller and seconded by Karl to nominate Steve Bunda for Vice Chairman of the Forestry and Recreation Committee. All voting aye, motion carried.

**14. Discussion and possible action on SFI Certification for Administrator and Assistant Administrator:**

The Administrator and Assistant Administrator are signed up with GLTPA for workshops. They will be certified after August 23<sup>rd</sup>. No action needed.

**15. Public comments on agenda items.**

None.

**17. Set next meeting date:** July 17, 2018 at 4:30 pm and will be held at Veterans Memorial Park.

**18. Adjournment:** Motion by Campbell and seconded by Dehart to adjourn. All voting aye, motion carried.

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