

Forestry and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019

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

Others Present: Adam Bontje, Ben Broquard, Joan Ginter, Sam Blake, Tom Tallier, Judy Savard, Randy Burl, Scott Goode, Dorothy Kegley

1. **Call to order:**

Meeting was called to order by Bill Chaney at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Approve Agenda:**

Motion by Bunda and seconded by Houle to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

3. **Approve minutes:**

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Dehart to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2018 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

4. **Short report on FSFC meeting:**

Dave Ziolkowski was named as chairman.

5. **Update on timber sales:**

Three timber sales are currently active and road work being done on a fourth preparing to start.

6. **Update, discussion and possible action on future land acquisitions:**

Bonack block grant paperwork has been forwarded to the DNR. A handout of the inventory of Peshtigo block was handed out to the committee and discussed. No action required.

7. **Discussion and possible action on the sale of Forestry Department assets:**

Motion by Houle and seconded by Miller to sell the old Ranger UTV. All voting aye, motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution for updating the county forest boundary lines to include possible land acquisitions to be forwarded to the County Board for approval:**

Motion by Bunda and seconded by Dehart to forward the resolution to update county forest boundary lines to the County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried.

9. **Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution for ATV/UTV Grants (winter & summer) to be forwarded to the County Board for approval:**

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Houle to forward the resolution for the ATV/UTV Grants to the County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried.

10. **Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution for Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant to be forwarded to the County Board for approval:**

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Bunda to forward the resolution for the Snowmobile Trail Maintenance Grant to the County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried.

11. **Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution for acquiring the Peshtigo Block 1 (330 acres) and forward to the County Board for approval:**
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Miller to forward the resolution for the acquisition of Peshtigo Block 1 to the County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried.
12. **Discussion and possible action on approving a Resolution for acquiring the Peshtigo Block 2 (480 acres) and forward to the County Board for approval:**
Motion by Campbell and seconded by Karl to forward the resolution for the acquisition of Peshtigo Block 2 to the County Board for approval. All voting aye, motion carried.
13. **Discussion and possible action on 2019 budget:**
Take any funds needed for timber sale expenses from Variable Acreage Share Loan account.
14. **Discussion and possible action on Access Permit:**
Motion by Houle and seconded by Campbell to approve access permit to Ginter's Corner Tap'N'Sap. All voting aye, motion carried.
15. **Update, discussion and possible action on NST Bridge repair:**
The committed was updated on progress of the repair plans, no action needed.
16. **Public comments on agenda items:**
Miller commented on citizens approaching him on the lack of parking areas for trucks with trailers for trail riding.
17. **Closed Session: The Committees may consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) "considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility," This closed session relates to:**
 - a) Personnel
 - b) Forestry Technician and Trail Technician wagesMotion by Houle and seconded by Dehart to enter into closed session. Roll Call taken, Bunda-aye, Campbell-aye, Chaney-aye, Dehart-aye, Houle-aye, Miller-aye, Karl-aye, motion carried. Closed Session.
18. **Reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matter discussed in closed session:**
Motion by Miller and seconded by Bunda to reconvene in to open session. All voting aye, motion carried.
Motion by Houle and seconded by Miller to recommend to the Personnel Committee to increase the wage rate for the Assistant Administrator to \$20 an hour and to increase the wage rate for the Trail Technician to \$15 an hour. All voting aye, motion carried.
19. **Set next meeting date:**
March 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the County Board Room.
20. **Adjournment:**
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell 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.**

