

Forestry and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2019

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

Others Present: Adam Bontje, Joan Ginter, Sam Blake, Tom Tallier, Wayne Wagler

1. **Call to order:**

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

2. **Approve Amended Agenda:**

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

3. **Approve minutes:**

Motion by Houle and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2019 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

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

Tom Tallier reported on the Natural Resource Management Act and public use of Federal land.

5. **Discussion on county forest road aid.**

None eligible at this point.

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

Project loan funds were approved for Bonack Block acquisition. Progress being made on Peshtigo Blocks.

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

The high bid on the old Ranger UTV was \$9450.00. Motion by Houle and seconded by Dehart to accept the bid of \$9450.00. All voting aye, motion carried.

8. **Update , discussion and possible action on NST bridge repairs:**

Bids for bridge repairs will be ready to go out next week. Motion by Houle and seconded by Campbell to send out request for bids for bridge repairs. All voting aye, motion carried.

9. **Discussion on Recreation Trail Emergency Location Signing:**

The signing is only in the planning stage.

10. **Discussion on park opening**

The department is planning to open the park on May 1st . Bid requests were sent out for ice, septic services and firewood and will be received by March 29th and will be brought to the next meeting. A help wanted ad was also send to the newspapers for a Seasonal worker. Those applications were also requested by March 29th .

11. **The Committee will go into Closed Session: Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and Statute 19.85 (1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigation.**

a) Contractors with expiring Timber Sale contracts.

b) Timber Sale contracts extensions.

Motion by Houle and seconded by Dehart to go into closed session. Roll call was taken: Bunda-Aye, Campbell-Aye, Chaney-Aye, Dehart-Aye, Houle-Aye, Karl-Aye, Miller-Aye, all voting aye motion carried, Closed Session.

12. **Reconvene to open session to take action if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session:**

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Bunda to reconvene into open session.

a) Motion by Houle and seconded by Dehart to retain the Old Faithful Timber Sale and put back out for bids this year, if possible. All voting aye, motion carried.

b) Motion by Miller and seconded by Houle to grant a one year extension with a 5% increase in stumpage to Wayne Wagler Forest Products Inc.-Magnificent 7 Timber Sale and to grant a one year extension with a 10% increase in stumpage to Connor Forest Management –Inverted Timber Sale. All voting aye, motion carried.

13. **Public comments on agenda items:**

None.

14. **Set next meeting date:**

April 11, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the County Board Room.

15. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Karl and seconded by Houle 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.**