

NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Members Present: Bunda, Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl

Members Absent: Houle, Miller

Others Present: Adam Bontje, Ben Broquard, Joan Ginter, Sam Blake, Lynne Black, Cindy Gretzinger, Scott Goode, Brent Hanson, Tracy Mayer, Karen Houle, Al Murray, Phil Kriesel, Chad Mullis, Henry Sullivan, Jeannie Fannin, Nora Matuszewski, Jeanette Weyers, Tom Tallier

DATE: May 23, 2019

TIME: 5:00PM

AGENDA:

1. **Call to order:**
Meeting was called to order by Bill Chaney at 5:00 pm
2. **Approve agenda:**
Motion by Karl and seconded by Dehart to approve the amended agenda. All present voting aye, motion carried.
3. **Approve minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting.**
Motion by Campbell and seconded by Bunda to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2019 meeting. All present voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Short report on FSFC Meeting.**
Tom Tallier reported that a Farm Bill was passed by Congress and that to keep GNA monies in the Northwoods would be good for the county.
5. **Update, discussion, and possible action on logging roads.**
The department was instructed to check into the closure of certain logging Roads to ATV/UTV use. Lynne Black (Town Chairman of the Town of Lincoln) discussed the policy of loggers not decking wood on the Town of Lincoln road right of ways. The department was instructed to keep in contact with the Town of Lincoln on options for this policy.
6. **Discussion and possible action on Park summer help.**
The administrator informed the committee that Steve Kircher was hired as a part-time employee at the park and will be working 20 to 25 hours a week.
7. **Discussion and possible action on wood bids for Veterans Memorial Park.**
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to award Taylor Ziolkowski the Firewood bid at \$75.00 a cord. All voting aye, motion carried. Taylor Ziolkowski was the lowest bidder.
8. **Discussion and possible action on flag pole at Veterans Memorial Park.**
The administrator informed the committee that with the research and the quote that the department received for installing the flag at Veterans Memorial Park would cost \$4200 to install the flag plus \$700 for the hardware and flag for the pole. The department will put in the 2020 budget for approval at that time.

9. **Update, discussion and possible action on Park improvements and shoreline restoration project.**
Discussion on shoreline restoration project.
Motion by Bunda and seconded by Dehart to cancel the DATCP grant for \$24,000 and suspend the Shoreline Restoration Project indefinitely and pay Hanson Garden Village(Contractor Forest County has a signed contract with) for services rendered to this point and ask for the remainder of the pre-payment to be refunded if there is any to be refunded. All present voting aye, motion carried.
10. **Discussion and possible action on timber sale contract items.**
Motion by Karl and seconded by Campbell to extend timber sale contracts from 2 years to 3 years, committee will stick to 10% increase on extensions and require any letters of credit to cover bonds to extend at least 1 year past contract expiration date. All present voting aye, motion carried.
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)Logging Contractor issues.
b)Employee issues.
- Motion by Karl and seconded by Dehart to go into closed session.
- Roll call: Bunda-aye Campbell-aye Chaney-aye Dehart-aye Houle-absent Karl-aye Miller-absent
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 to open session. All present voting aye, motion carried. (per Karl)
a)No Action
b)Motion by Chaney and seconded by Campbell to make a recommendation to the Personnel committee to terminate Adam Bontje as County Forest Administrator.
Roll Call: Bunda-aye Campbell-aye Chaney-aye Dehart-aye Houle-absent Karl-aye Miller-absent, motion carried.
13. **Discussion and action on awarding 2019 Timber Sales.**
Motion by Karl and seconded by Dehart to accept the highest bid of \$29,291.35 from Whitetail logging for Tract 1-19 the Easy Peasy Sale. All present voting aye, motion carried.
Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to accept the highest bid of \$120,715.00 from Central Wisconsin Lumber Inc for Tract 2-19 the Take Two Sale. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Karl and seconded by Campbell to accept the highest bid of \$66,200.00 from Franks Inc for Tract 3-19 the Half & Half Sale. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Bunda and seconded by Karl to accept the highest bid of \$49,525.80 for Tract 4-19 the PB & J Sale. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to accept the highest bid of \$113,387.00 for Tract 5-19 the OF2 Sale. All present voting aye, motion carried.

14. **Update and discussion and action on future land acquisitions.**

Motion by Karl and seconded by Dehart to Table items 14-17 until the next scheduled Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting. All present voting aye, motion carried.

15. **Discussion on WPS towers on east hill.**

16. **Update, discussion, and possible action on NST bridge.**

17. **Update, discussion, and possible action on ATV trails.**

18. **Discussion on GNA program.**

19. **Public comments on agenda items.**

20. **Set next meeting date.**

June 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the County Board Room

21. **Adjournment**

Motion by Bunda and seconded by Chaney to adjourn. All present voting aye, motion carried.