

NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE: FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

DATE: February 25, 2020 TIME: 4:30pm

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

Members Absent: Houle, Miller

Others Present: Katie Schallock, Mindy Samz, Sam Blake, Tom Tallier, John Newton, Ben Eggum, Rebekah Luedtke, Michelle Gobert, Jacee Shepard, Kyle Lewis, Doug Brown, Tracey Mayer

1. Call to order.

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

2. Approve agenda.

Chaney requested a motion to amend agenda and move Doug Brown to no. 5 and discussion on campground prices to no. 11 on the agenda. Motion by Bunda and seconded by Karl to move items and approve the meeting agenda, all present voting aye, motion carried.

3. Approve minutes from the January 29, 2020 meeting.

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Campbell to approve the meeting minutes, all present voting aye, motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action on approving and forwarding the 2021 Summer ATV, Winter ATV, and Snowmobile Resolution to the full county board. Motion by Karl and seconded by Bunda to approve and forward the ATV Resolutions to County Board for approval, all present voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Bunda and seconded by Dehart to approve and forward the Snowmobile Resolution to the County Board for approval, all present voting aye, motion carried.

5. Items from Doug Brown.

Doug Brown is the County Forest and Public Lands Specialist with the DNR. He provided an over view of the loan program Forest County has been engaged in. Due to the county's current loan balance, the DNR has requested our severance payment to the state be increased from 20% to 40% until loan balance is reduced to 2 million at which point the percentage would be reduced back to 20%. Bunda recommended sending this on to the Finance Committee for further review.

6. Discussion and possible action on contract extensions.

T & T Forest Products LLC timber sale contract 493-18 (Why Man) will be expiring April 1, 2020. They are requesting a 1-year extension as they were unable to meet the deadline due to storm clean up. The committee approved a 1-year extension with no stumpage price increase.

7. Discussion on CAN needs - Michelle Gobert.

Michelle Gobert, Jacee Shepard and Kyle Lewis were in attendance on behalf of the Forest County CAN Program. They reported on the recent Community Snowshoe event that took place at Otter Springs Recreation Area. They had nearly 50 participants. The event was a great success. It was noted that the parking lot was not plowed to accommodate parking and asked for a

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collaborative effort to remove snow ensuring there is adequate room for participant parking for future events.

8. **Discussion of having the Administrator (or Assistant Administrator in absence of Administrator) decide on whether to open or close trails with recommendation of one person from snowmobile clubs.**

Jack Kloss has been delegated to be the main contact for the Administrator when opening and closing trails.

9. **Discussion on Dual Sports Riding Club - John Newton**

John Newton requested the Forest Committees approval to use some of the County Forest property. Chaney suggested that John contact the Administrator this spring and go through the trails. They would conform with the Administrators recommendations.

10. **Discussion of timber sales and bid opening.**

Bid opening will begin early June 2020.

11. **Discussion and possible action on campground prices for 2021 season.**

Chaney motions and approves adding 4 (sites 16-19) more seasonal campsites and increasing the current rates to the following:

- Increase **seasonal sites** 1-15 from \$1500.00 to \$2000.00
- **New Seasonal sites 16-17 for the 2020 season** will be available at the rate of \$2000.00. **New seasonal sites 18-19 for the 2020 season** which are located in a highly desired location within the park, will be available at the rate of \$2500.00.
- The park has **non-seasonal** sites for trailers or tents. Camping Fees currently range from \$20 - \$25 per unit on site/day. The committee approves a \$25.00 per unit on site/day cost for **all** non-seasonal sites.

Tracey Mayer asked the committee to consider water hook ups for the Seasonal sites. The committee asked Tracey to research cost and provide estimates. Tracey announced that this will be her last year as park manager.

12. **Public comments on agenda items.**

None

13. **Set next meeting date:** March 9, 2020 4:30 p.m.

14. **Adjournment**

Motion by Bunda and seconded by Dehart to adjourn, all present 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.**

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