

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2020
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Miller, Stamper.

Absent: Houle.

Others Present: Carly DeVet, Katie Schallock, ATV and Snowmobile Club representative(s) and others by go-to meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Stamper to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Campbell to approve the September 17, 2020 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE ATV TRAILS.

The Forest Administrator requested committee input on future ATV trails. The forester's plans are to work on the HWY 8/Valley Trail. There is a possibility that the Airport to Rosa road connection will be added. The Crandon-Argonne trail is still in the planning stages and requires additional information from the DNR. NO ACTION

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGING PRICE AND DATES OF SEASONAL SITES AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.

Flannery Contracting and Trucking contacted the County Chairperson indicating that they would undertake the camp ground improvement project, potentially donating time and material. Construction would tentatively begin next year and may delay Veterans Memorial Park opening date. The Forestry Department and Committee plan to meet with the project manager and Flannery Contracting to further discuss creating an action plan. With this new information coming to light, prices will not be changed at this time.

Motion by Dehart to send informational letters to seasonal site holders regarding the park improvement project and changing the 2021 camping season to daily camping only, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SPEED BUMPS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.

Motion by Stamper to purchase six speed bumps, seconded by Miller. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SNOWMOBILE ADMINISTRATION FEES.

Committee requested that Forestry staff track time spent on snowmobile clubs. Committee will revisit next year, NO ACTION.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS ALONG THE NST.

Motion by Miller to replace bridges along the NST, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING ADMINISTRATOR GRANT RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO FULL COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

Motion by Campbell to approve administrator grant resolution and send to full county board for approval, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING A RESOLUTION ON THE FOREST COUNTY WORK PLAN TO BE FORWARDED TO COUNTY BOARD FOR APPROVAL.

Motion by Stamper to approve resolution on the Forest County work plan and send to full county board for approval, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FURBUSH CREEK BRIDGE.

Motion by Stamper to approve a 5% bid guarantee requirement from contractor, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TIMBER SALE CONTRACT CHANGE.

Motion by Miller to accept the timber sale contract changes, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SAFETY ZONE.

Motion by Karl to hold off purchasing Safety Zone product for park, seconded by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASING A CROSS COUNTRY SKI GROOMER.

Forest Administrator will look at possibly purchasing a cross country ski groomer next year utilizing the variable acreage share loan. NO ACTION

UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS

- Land acquisitions - working with DNR to finalize.
- Tractor – preparing bids
- Park update – planning stages of park improvement project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Review park fee structure based on the renovation project.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next meeting date: Monday, November 16, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Karl to adjourn, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20p.m.

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