

## **FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: MONDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2020  
TIME: 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### **CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and read the agenda.

### **ROLL CALL.**

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

Absent: Houle.

Others Present: Carly DeVet, Terry Lukas, Cindy Gretzinger, Gary Mueller, Sam Blake, Lynne Black, Mark Ferris, Steve Osterman, Brian Wilson, and others by go-to meeting.

### **APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA.**

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

Motion by Karl to move #11 on the agenda to #5, #7 to #6, and #5 & #6 to #7 & #8, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 MEETING AND OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING.**

Motion by Campbell to approve the October 12, 2020 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, seconded by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamper to approve the October 12, 2020 Forestry and Recreation Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION.**

Gary Mueller, Lake Metonga Association President, spoke on behalf of the Lake Association and what the Veterans Memorial Park donation go towards. NO ACTION.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2021 PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

- **PROPOSED ITEMS BY FLANNERY CONSTRUCTION.**

Brian Wilson spoke on behalf of Flannery Construction and Trucking about the construction work that will be completed as a donation at Veterans Memorial Park. Motion by Stamper to approve the proposed construction items which will be completed by Flannery Construction and Trucking, based on Coleman Engineering's proposal, and to be forwarded to Attorney Paul Payant to begin working on an MOU between Forest County and Flannery's. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

- **ENGINEERING COST.**

Motion by Dehart to forward Option #2 of the proposal sent by Coleman Engineering Company to the Finance Committee, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

- **SEASONAL SITE INFORMATION.**

Motion by Karl to prorate the seasonal campers when the project is completed based on a \$2,000 seasonal charge, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

THE COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION: WISCONSIN 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 AND UNDER 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.”

(A) PARK MANAGER’S BONUS.

(B) CONTRACTOR WITH CURRENT TIMBER SALES.

Motion by Dehart and seconded by Karl to convene into closed session All present voting: Campbell (AYE), Chaney (AYE), Dehart (AYE), Karl (AYE), Miller (AYE), Stamper (AYE).

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Karl and second by Miller to reconvene into open session. All present voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Karl that going forward the park managers bonus will be determined without including taxes and the donation, seconded by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Karl to give the contractor the choice to complete the sale or we will take them back and collect the performance bond, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATION TOWERS ON COUNTY FORESTS.

Forest Administrator, Steve Osterman, and Mark Ferris informed the committee on the process of putting broadband towers on County Forest. Forest Administrator and Northwoods Connect will look more into land considerations and gather more information from the DNR. Topic will be revisited in the future. NO ACTION.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2% LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT.

Motion by Campbell to begin the 2% Land Acquisition account in 2021, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENDING AND ADVERTISING TRACTOR BIDS.

Motion by Miller to send and advertise bids for a new tractor for the Forestry and Recreation Department, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENDING AND ADVERTISING FURBUSH CREEK BRIDGE BIDS.

Motion by Miller to send and advertise bids for the Furbush Creek Bridge, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION.

Motion by Campbell to forward the recommendation of posting of the Administrative Assistant position to Personnel, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PERFORMANCE BOND DEPOSIT.

Motion by Stamper to deposit 100% of the performance bonds into the Forestry Fund, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON TIMBER SALES.

Forest Administrator updated committee on active timber sales and recently closed timber sales.

UPDATE ON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK REVENUE FOR THE 2020 SEASON.

Forest Administrator updated committee on the 2020 park revenue and expenses.

UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS

- Camp 8 Bridge- Bridge is being delivered Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- NST Bridges- Currently getting inspected by the DNR.
- Grouse Management Unit Project- Getting started making the openings within the next couple of weeks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tax on Campsites at Veterans Memorial Park
- Communication Towers
- Tractor and Furbush Creek Bids
- Next meeting date: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Miller to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting AYE, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15p.m.

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