

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MONDAY DECEMBER 22, 2020
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL.

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

Absent: Houle.

Others Present: Carly DeVet, Katie Schallock, Terry Lukas, Lynne Black, and others by go-to meeting.

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16TH, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Dehart to approve the November 16, 2020 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 2021 SEASON.

- **ADMENDMENT TO COLEMAN ENGINEERING PARK DESIGN.**

Steve Friberg added an amendment to include electrical engineering services to the professional service agreement the county has with Coleman Engineering Company. Motion by Dehart to approve the amended Coleman Engineering proposal to include an electrical design and be sent to the Finance Committee, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

- **TAXES ON CAMPSITES.**

Motion by Miller to charge campers the taxes at every campsite at Veterans Memorial Park, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

- **CAMPGROUND WORKERS/ BIDS.**

The department will wait to gather bids and advertise for workers until there is a start date in mind. NO ACTION.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATION TOWERS.

Forest Administrator informed committee on potential repercussions on putting a tower in the Dave Uihlein Grouse Management Area, Administrator will start conversation with the family and gather more information. NO ACTION.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING A TRACTOR BID.

Forest Administrator provided the committee with the tractor bids received. Forest Administrator will look into getting a price for longer forks for the tractor.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Dehart to get longer forks for the tractor. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Stamper, seconded by Karl to send the Bob Cat CT5555 Cab with Hydraulics, adding the price of longer forks, to the Finance Committee. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELLING OLD TRACTOR.

The Forestry and Recreation Department will wait to advertise selling the old tractor until the new tractor is delivered. NO ACTION.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING A CONTRACTOR FOR THE FURBUSH CREEK BRIDGE.

Motion by Miller to select the lowest bid, Krueger & Stienfest, Inc. at \$76,575, as the contractor for the Furbush Creek Bridge, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORESTRY AND RECREATION NEW EQUIPMENT.

- **TRUCK.**
Forest Administrator mentioned sharing the old maintenance truck, for maintenance use in the winter and park use in the summer. Topic will be taken to the Building/ Property Committee. NO ACTION.
- **TRAIL CAMERAS.**
Forest Administrator mentioned getting new trail cams that will send pictures to the department's phones. There is a possibility to change a grant to receive these cameras. Motion by Dehart to change the scope of the Sustainable Grant for the department to purchase new trail cameras, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TPJ BROS. LOGGING PAYMENT.

Forest Administrator informed the committee of the money still owed by TPJ Bros logging and suggested keeping a file but erasing the line from the current timber sale expense sheet. Motion by Miller to delete the line item from the timber sale expense sheet put keep a file on TPJ Bros. Logging, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CRANDON ARGONNE LETTER

Motion by Stamper to send the letter to the Bocek family in regards to the Crandon Argonne Trail, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NST BRIDGES.

Forest Administrator updated the committee on the recent discovery of the crushed pile caps for the Mill Pond Bridge, making the new weight limit 5,000 lbs. As discussed in the October meeting, the Forest Administrator will be applying to replace the bridges along the NST Trail. NO ACTION.

UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS

- **Camp 8 Bridge-** Bridge has been completed, with the landscaping being finished come the spring time.
- **Timber Sales-** There are currently 3 active sales, with one being completed next week and another starting up come the first week in January.
- **15-year plan-** The initial DNR review is completed, the department will be working on updating information and permits to be more up to date before returning it to the committee for final review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE

- Regurgitated blacktop for the ATV Trails near Laona.
- Communication Towers.
- Forestry/ Maintenance Truck.
- Next meeting date: Joint Personnel/ Forestry: Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
- January meeting date: January 26th, 2021 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 6:05p.m.

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