

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

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

ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Miller, & Stamper

Members Absent: Houle

Others Present: Cindy Gretzinger, Lynne Black, Terry Lukas, Katie Schallock, Christie Schmidt & Carly DeVet 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 DECEMBER 29TH, 2020 PERSONNEL MEETING AND THE FORESTRY MEETING.

Motion by Miller to approve the December 29, 2020 Forestry and Personnel meeting minutes, seconded by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATION TOWERS.

Forestry Administrator informed the committee of the communication with the Uihlein family that they are not against the discussion of placing a tower in the Ruffed Grouse Management Unit but would like to see an exact plan in place on how it will affect wildlife, and some extra dollars donated to the Ruffed Grouse Society for habitat projects. There was also a discussion with the DNR on Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant purchased land. If the committee decides to go this route, there will need to be more discussion with the DNR. If a new Tower Committee is formed, Forestry Administrator will be added to the committee. No action.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REGURGITATED BLACKTOP FOR ATV TRAILS.

Lukas indicated that they would like some of the regurgitated blacktop at the county park for an ATV trail ¼ mile in length to limit dust. The Town of Laona would have 2 dump trucks to move it from Dam. It was agreed that the regurgitated blacktop could be shared with the Town of Laona for this trail purpose. No Action

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORESTRY AND RECREATION NEW EQUIPMENT.

Truck-Motion to approve by Dehart to accept offer of old County Maintenance Truck with the understanding that when forestry's truck is sold the money would go to Maintenance, seconded by Stamper. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Trail Camera- It was suggested to take the cost of the two trail cameras out of the next sustainable grant that will be available this summer.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT.

Forest Administrator handed out campsite designs. Administrator will check into whether the fire rings will be permanent. It was suggested to have 20-amp pedestals at each tent site, this will be put on the next agenda including the invitation to Flannery Contracting and Coleman Engineering to attend the next meeting as well.

Motion by Miller to accept the engineer design plan for the campsites, only changing the bike path to 4 feet as long as it is in code, seconded by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SENDING FIRE WARDENS UPDATED LIST RESOLUTION TO THE FULL COUNTY BOARD.

No action, list is unavailable.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR THE FURBUSH CREEK BRIDGE.

Motion by Miller to approve the contract with Krueger & Steinfest, Inc. and send it to the company, and seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DOT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT.

No action.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW BLACKBEAR SPORTSMAN'S CLUB SNOWMOBILE TRAIL REROUTE.

Motion by Miller, to accept and approve both changes in the Blackbear trail reroute providing the club obtain easements from land owners, seconded by Dehart.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW ROAD ACCESS PERMIT.

Karl requested that the 16 inches width restriction included in 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING AND FORWARDING THE ATV AND SNOWMOBILE RESOLUTIONS TO THE FULL COUNTY BOARD.

Motion by Stamper to submit to the ATV and Snowmobile resolutions to the next full county board meeting for approval, seconded by Karl.

UPDATE ON SEVERANCE PAYMENTS.

Forest Administrator informed the committee that all the sales that were billed and started in 2020 will be billed with the 40% severance payment to the DNR due to them being closed in 2021. Money will be moved around in the accounts appropriately. Everything going forward will be 40%.

UPDATE ON TIMBER SALES.

Forest Administrator informed the committee on the three active sales: "Magnificent 7", "Why Man" and "Inverted 2". The sale "Dead Duck 2" was recently completed.

UPDATE ON ONGOING PROJECTS.

The department is currently working on sales that will be put out for bid come this Spring time. Other projects include: the Veteran's Memorial Park Project, Spring grant submittal, and the departmental training.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT DATE.

- Special Meeting for posting of Forestry Administrator position.
- Next meeting: January 29th, 2021 at 10:00am

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, motion by Stamper to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting AYE, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m.

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