

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2021
TIME: 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:59p.m. Motion by Stamper to approve the agenda as read, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL.

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

Members Absent: Lukas & Gretzinger.

Others Present: Travis Wollenberg, Anna Mancheski, Christie Schmidt, Fred Heider, Lynne Black, and Gary Mueller. (Sam Blake and CM via Microsoft Teams).

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2021 FORESTRY MEETING.

Motion by Campbell to approve the May 10, 2021 Forestry meeting minutes, seconded by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FOREST COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN. Fred Heider from North Central Regional Planning Commission updated the committee on the Forest County Outdoor Recreation Plan. Currently, he is awaiting on responses from towns. If any town wants to obtain a stewardship grant that cover 50% of costs, their recreational project needs to be listed in the Outdoor Recreation Plan. Fred indicated that if anyone has contact with the towns, please have them reach out to Fred or county forestry staff. The fairgrounds are listed in the plan under 6.2 County Facility Recommendations for considerations to relocate the fairgrounds. The relocation of the fairgrounds is being discussed at the Fair Committee meetings. The next steps for the plan is to connect with each town and attend the August meeting with the draft plan for approval. It would then need approval from the full county board and then to State for approval. No action at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY PARK.

Allison Willman (DNR) will be conducting the Wetland Concurrence within the next week or so. The Forestry staff will provide weekly updates in the newspapers and on the forestry website. The WPS application and plumbing application has been submitted. No action at this time.

Update on Timber Sales.

The Forest Administrator advised the committee that three (3) timber sales will be starting in July. Two (2) timber sales are open with some work to finish, and one (1) timber sale recently closed. Five timber sales have not started and all contractors did receive a letter to contact forestry when they will be starting. Three of the five that

have not started are from one logger that did ask for an extension in 2019 due to the cleanup. It was suggested to have that logger come to the next meeting to request an extension on these timber sales.

Update on Grants and Projects.

Section 9 Land Acquisition has been reviewed by the Joint Committee on Finance and there has been an objection to this request so it was not approved. The Forest Administrator indicated that at this time, Rebekah Luedtke, Executive Director for the Wisconsin County Forests Association, is checking to see who objected to this land acquisition. The committee requested a meeting with the Joint Finance Committee but at this time it is on hold until the forest administrator hears back from Rebekah.

The Snowmobile Trail Aid Supplemental Funding was submitted.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING DATE TENTATIVELY SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 AT 5:00PM.

- County Park
- Timber Sale Extensions
- Grants Update
- Ongoing projects

There being no further business, motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Karl. All present voting AYE, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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