

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: TUESDAY, December 21, 2021
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m. Motion by Lukas to approve the agenda, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL.

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Travis Wollenberg, Sam Blake, Patrick Voigtman, Larry Sommer, and Erin Lane.

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Stamper to approve the agenda, second by Miller. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 2021 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Dehart to approve the November 16, 2021 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, second by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON ASSISTANT FOREST ADMINISTRATOR.

Ana Mancheski resigned, the job will be posted until December 29th.

THE COMMITTEE WENT 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." THIS CLOSED SESSION RELATES TO: CONTRACTOR WITH UNFINISHED TIMBER SALE

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

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

Motion by Dehart to reconvene into open session, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Dehart to follow recommendation that Cleereman Forest Products LLC pay for the standing timber left uncut from contract, pay for staff hours for timber admin, and other timber sale maintenance, when payment is received performance bond can be released, second by Miller.

UPDATE ON TIMBER SALES.

Wollenberg gave update on current and upcoming timber sales.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISH HOUSE AT COUNTY PARK.

It was discussed not to use the existing fish house and go with a stainless steel cleaning station, or do away with completely and campers can clean fish at their campsites. It was suggested to contact other counties and see what they do.

Motion by Lukas to table for further discussion, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLEANING UP BEHIND SHOP AT COUNTY PARK.

Motion by Miller to clean up and scrap or sell unused items behind shop at county park, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF POSTING COUNTY PARK MANAGER POSITION.

The park will probably not be ready to open until June 1st but there is other work that can be done if caretaker position is to begin on May 1st. There was also discussion about making sure that the park rules are followed as far as how many camping units are at each site.

Motion by Miller to post position, but offer to Tracy first, start date will be May 1st and will start with base wage, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR AT COUNTY PARK.

The electrical contractor that was supposed to do the work at the County Park cannot do the project. A meeting needs to be set up with the committee and Flannery contracting to discuss how to proceed.

Motion by Lukas to table for further discussion, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING DATE FOR COUNTY PARK OPENING AND PRORATING FEE.

Motion by Dehart to set an opening date of June 1st, but may change, seasonal campers will have a prorated fee, \$1000 deposit and the second half of payment will be prorated according to when they are allowed in, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SEASONAL SITE ISSUES.

Two seasonal sites have two campers, the new rules state that the campers must fit on the pad. The discussion was that the campers will fit, wheels will be on the pad with slight overhang of the camper itself, there should not be a problem.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GRANTS/ONGOING PROJECTS

- We will be posting bids for engineers for the bridge projects at the beginning of January. There was discussion on what to do with the old removable bridges sell or scrap. Need to talk to the Town of Laona Clerk about the trail route down the Hwy while the Mill Pond Bridge is closed, Bobby Connor also agreed to let the trail run through his log yard if needed.
- A quote was received from Pitlik and Wick for the seal coating and paint striping at the county park. We need to make sure that they use epoxy paint on the striping. Will be added to next agenda for possible approval.
- Steve Kircher is working on the possible boat landing at County Park.
- LMT Snowmobile Club would like to lease a 3 acre piece of county land in the Town of Lincoln. They would like to put up a 30x60 building to hold their groomer. The State does allow this as long as it benefits the County. LMT grooms the Wolf River State Trail

and a good portion of the Nicolet State Trail. This will be added to the next agenda for further discussion and possible approval.

- County grant application for land acquisition was turned down, the county has the following options; we can withdraw the application, resubmit the application or the committee can reach out to legislators to petition the application be reviewed.
- Lukas was approached by the ATV club about opening a trail through 62 Creek Road, Crandon Timber and Margie's Road as a short cut from Laona to Crandon area. Further discussion and research will be needed to determine if the Forestry Department has to pursue or the ATV Club. Most of the land is Forest Service land and will need to look into applying for the trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Committee meeting will be January 25, 2021 at 4:30 at the Forest County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Miller to adjourn, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.