

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

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

ROLL CALL.

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

Members Absent: Miller

Others Present: Travis Wollenberg, Sam Blake, Patrick Voigtman, Brian Wilson, Cindy Gretzinger, and Erin Lane.

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Lukas to approve the agenda, second by Campbell. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2021 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Stamper to approve the December 21, 2021 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON COUNTY PARK.

Brian Wilson was present to give an update on the park; Van Ooyen Electric gave an estimate on finishing the electrical at the park of \$34,000, Flannery's have the pedestals, there is still a good amount of electrical work to be done, running electrical to sites 4 and 5, and the tent sites, the CT cabinets need to be moved per WPS, and correct some code violations. They are still getting the supplies for the water lines; the lines need to be run before by the beginning to middle of May before they put the final blacktopping down. Further discussion on putting in a boat landing at the park. Steve Kircher is working on a grant but it is a cost share and maybe Flannery Contracting would like to contribute to the cost share portion of the grant. The boat landing project may need to wait a year until all the work at the park is complete. The park is scheduled to open June 1st so all work needs to be complete by then.

a. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR.

The County did not plan on paying for the electrical work, Brian will take Electrical estimate back to Jamie Flannery.

b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISH CLEANING STATION.

There will be no fish cleaning station this year, will readdress next year or possibly waiting until they see where the boat landing project goes.

c. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PITLIK AND WICK CONTRACT FOR SEALING AND STRIPING.

Epoxy paint cannot be quoted due to supply. Motion by Lukas to approve to send to finance for final approval, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING BIDS FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

There were two bids turned in Cedar Corporation and MSA Professionals. There were some questions on the bids. Travis will call companies to clarify and another meeting will be set to

award the contract. Motion by Stamper to table, second by Karl, All Present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

UPDATE ON ASSISTANT FOREST ADMINISTRATOR.

Jared Omeg was hired as the new Assistant Forest Administrator and will be starting February 14, 2022.

UPDATE ON COUNTY PARK MANAGER POSITION.

There are 2 applicants for the County Park Manager position. The committee will have a special meeting to conduct interviews and hire for the position.

UPDATE ON TIMBER SALES.

Wollenberg gave update on current and upcoming timber sales.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPERTY LEASE WITH LMT SNOWMOBILE CLUB.

The contract is not complete.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ONGOING PROJECTS.

Administrator Grant is applied for.

a. BRIDGES

We will be applying for more bridges.

b. ATV TRAIL

Discussion on letter from Bobby Connor on land use for trail detour and insurance coverage for trails when they cross private property owners. Discussion on the possible 62 Creek ATV trail, the ATV Club will need to apply for the trail, it does cross Forest Service land and Crandon Timber LLC.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Patrick Voigtman would like to make sure that bridge grants are applied for each year so that there isn't a large lapse in work as in years past.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Committee meeting will be February 21, 2022 at 4:30 at the Forest County Board Room. Special Committee meeting for County Park Manager interviews and Engineer Bid award will be set upon committee and board room availability.

ADJOURNMENT 6:00pm

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

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