

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 21, 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 & Miller.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Travis Wollenberg, Jared Oemig, Sam Blake, Patrick Voigtman, Jason Headson, Tammy Queen, Lynn Black, Mike Biese via phone, and Erin Lane.

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21, 2022 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Campbell to approve the February 21, 2022 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON COUNTY PARK.

Brian Wilson was not present, Wollenberg updated that the supplies for the water lines have been ordered, work should start the second week of April if weather permits, Samz Plumbing will be overseeing the water installation, Flannery Contracting has an electrician lined up, all work must be signed off by a certified electrician.

A. POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASING FIREWOOD AND ICE FOR THE CAMPGROUND.

We will need 6 face cord of firewood and make sure that the ice vendor provides an ice chest to hold ice and will deliver ice on the 4th of July. Motion by Stamper to go out for bids on ice and firewood, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT WITH LUMBERJACK MEMORIAL TRAILS FOR LEASE AGREEMENT.

Discussion on the lease agreement including the length of the lease, what would happen with the building if LMT no longer wanted it, what taxes would be involved if any. It was noted that the snowmobile club and trails are an asset to our community. Motion by Dehart to approve the resolution and agreement and move to County Board, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TIMBER SALE CONTRACT SPECS.

Wollenberg gave an update on timber sales. We have had some over and under estimates on our pulp and sawlogs in the past and would like to have better specs for future sales. 2 items to change on our specs would be 11 inch minimum inside bark sawlogs and change the time line for July 1st contract start date. Motion by Miller to change the specs to 11in minimum inside bark, sawlog and the timeline for July 1st contract start date, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW TRAILER PURCHASE AND SALE OF OLD TRAILER. The current trailer is 8 years old is rusted out and falling apart. Forestry would like approval to purchase a new aluminum trailer using variable acreage funds. It was also noted that the Building committee approved funds to build and attached cover to the garage to put the trailer under. The attached cover may need to be put on hold due to possible work that may be done to the garage. Motion by Dehart to get quotes on an all-aluminum trailer and see if any of the companies will do a trade in on the old, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI ON CROSSING ATV TRAIL.

Wollenberg gave an update on the easement agreement, it was allowing the Forest County Potawatomi to cross the state trail and it did go through the State coordinator. The agreement was signed at the last County Board meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASING DOCK LIFT CHAIR AND RECUMBENT BIKE THROUGH DOT TRUST WITH AGING DEPARTMENT.

Tammy Queen has funds for 2 or more electric recumbent bikes, and a dock lift chair, both items to be used at the County Park. The committee would like Tammy to get pictures of the dock lift chair and more information on if our current dock could support the lift chair. A storage shed would need to be put up to store the bikes from the weather.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER LAKE METONGA ASSOCIATION DONATION MONEY FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT TO COUNTY PARK BUDGET.

The donation that the Forestry Department received last year was never used and was not rolled into this year's budget. The donation was to help pay for renovations and a new sign at the county park. Motion by Karl to pass resolution transferring the Lake Metonga Association donation money from the general account to the county park budget, second by Stamper. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE OLD GATES AND BRIDGES FROM THE ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAIL, AND THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF THOSE ITEMS BE HELD IN A RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENTS FUTURE USE.

The Forestry Department would like to sell about 100 of the unused gates and the 40ft bridges that are no longer of use. The funds from the sale of those items could be used for future projects including bridge inspections. Motion by Stamper to pass resolution authorizing the sale of the old gates and bridges from the ATV/ Snowmobile trail, and that the revenue from the sale of those items be held in a reserve account for the forestry departments future use, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON 8 MILE LOOP TRAIL ADDITION.

Discussion on adding about one mile of trail to the 8 Mile Loop trail, adding additional trail would make the trail use more spread out so that the other trails on the loop are not so beat down, other items to consider would be the potential to add more trails crossing private property to other county land, more signage would need to be put up and would this effect other activities like hunting. More information will be gathered and brought back to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLACING COUNTY PARK HIGHWAY SIGNS.

There is a lack of directional signs for the county park, an estimate for the blue TOD signs is around \$2000 for 6 signs. This may be something that the Advertising Committee may help fund and also check with the Tourism Commission for grant funding through them.

UPDATES ON ONGOING PROJECTS.

a. BRIDGES

Applications are ready to submit just need some pictures and the quotes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting will be April 18th, 2022 at 4:30

ADJOURNMENT 5:45PM

Motion by Miller to adjourn, second by Stamper. 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.