

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MONDAY AUGUST 22, 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, Miller, and Tallier.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Cindy Gretzinger, Sam Blake, Kathy Fohrman, Travis Wollenberg, Jared Oemig, and Erin Lane.

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 20, 2022 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Lukas to approve the July 20, 2022 Forestry and Recreation meeting minutes, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SECTION 9 LAND PURCHASE.

The State did approve funding for the Section 9 land purchase. Doug Brown should be able to provide guidance on the steps to proceed.

DISCUSSION ON FSFC.

Tom Tallier gave an update on the FSFC meeting; Tammy Baldwin was present, discussion topics included the 25% funding, taxable land in Forest County, farm bill with GNA, possible County Board resolution on no more Federal Land Purchase.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FLANNERY CONTRACTING BILL.

Flannery Contracting sent a bill for \$7,586.88 for repairs to the water installation at the County Park. Travis Wollenberg explained that this was all work for the installation not repairs, the repairs that were made were done due to wrong parts being used. The Committee would like to see the itemized receipts for the work and get clarification on the bill. Motion by Dehart to hold invoice for further discussion, second by Miller, Tallier abstain, all others voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ON ATV TRAILS/PARKING AND BRIDGES.

Hwy 8 to County line ATV trail: Plans are 80% complete, few supply chain issues getting culverts.

Bridge Replacements: Cedar Corp has the field work complete and will be putting out the construction bids this winter.

Wabeno ATV parking lot: Travis reached out to see who owns and has had no response at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF VETERAN'S MEMORIAL TREE DONATION FORM.

Starting size for trees would be 8-10ft and 58 trees to start with. Other ideas would be to have the community and school help with the tree planting as an Arbor Day project. Motion by Miller

to proceed with the tree donation form and \$200 per tree, second by Dehart, all present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY CONSERVATION GRANT.

Motion by Karl to approve the resolution for the county conservation grant, second by Tallier, all present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION ON APPLYING FOR VARIABLE ACREAGE LOAN.

The committee wants the department to apply for the loan.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF SELLING OF WHITE FORESTRY TRUCK.

Motion by Lukas to sell the white forestry truck, second by Tallier, all present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON STORAGE BUILDING AND RECUMBENT BIKE PROJECT.

Kathy Fohrman gave an update on the project and the DOT Trust was only approved for the dock lift which was actually a kayak lift and 2 recumbent bikes. The storage building was never approved and the design plan and size of the building that the committee had put together was too large and would not be approved by the DOT Trust. Motion by Dehart to drop the whole project, second by Tallier, all present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORESTRY/PARK LTE.

Two options were presented for summer help next year;

1. College Student, would work at park and help with Forestry. Would be able to earn college credit for a forestry project. Would live at the Caretakers Cabin and be available at the park.
 2. Hiring of two part time high school students to share responsibilities at the County Park.
- The committee would like to have job descriptions put together and brought back for next meeting.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- a) COUNTY PARK – Next months meeting will take place at the County Park, repair had to be done to one of the water lines, top soil is needed, everything else is going well and lots of compliments on how nice it all looks.
- b) DISCUSSION ON TIMBER THEFT – Stumpage came to \$830. This was already paid and issue resolved.
- c) FOREST SFI, FSC CERTIFICATION – The audit went well the only hit was that more training is needed.
- d) TIMBER SALES – One sale is currently being cut, a few more will be starting and establishing 630 acres coming up.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting will be September 12th, 2022 at 4:30pm at the County Park.

ADJOURNMENT 6:50PM

Motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Karl. 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.