

## **FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: February 13, 2023  
TIME: 4:30 P.M.  
PLACE: 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: None

Others Present: Sam Blake, Don LeMaster, Travis Wollenberg, Jared Oemig 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 JANUARY 16, 2023 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.**

Motion by Dehart to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2023 Forestry and Recreation meeting, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

THE COMMITTEE WILL GO 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:

CONTRACTORS WITH TIMBER SALES THAT WILL BE EXPIRING SOON.

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

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

Motion by Miller to approve 1-year extension with no penalty for contracts #500-19 and #497-19, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICY AND RESOLUTION FOR PREPAID STUMPAGE PAYMENTS.**

Motion by Tallier to send the prepaid stumpage policy to finance committee, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR WITHDRAWING PROPERTY FROM FOREST COUNTY LANDS FOR EASEMENT ACCESS TRADE.**

Wollenberg reviewed the application with the committee making changes per their request, adding in length of easement, referencing the difference in length of entry, change that it will benefit wildlife. Discussion if easements are permanent and transferrable, this will need to be looked into further. Motion by Campbell to forward application to County Board for possible

approval, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SECURE RURAL SCHOOL INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT.  
This will be brought to Treasurer for Finance Committee to discuss further.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HCP PLAN RESOLUTION.

Purpose of resolution is to protect the County if there is an accidental take on a tree that bats on the endangered species list live. Motion by Campbell to have the resolution reviewed by corporate council and moved to County Board, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POSTING OF SEASONAL WORKERS.

The career fair at Stevens Point went well was a lot of interest. Post position and put on Indeed.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FLAG POLE PURCHASE FOR COUNTY PARK.

Funding for a new flag pole and size was discussed and will be brought back to the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FEE FOR COUNTY PARK PAVILION RENTAL.

Motion by Lukas to approve a \$25 flat fee for pavilion rental at County Park, must clean up after event and no refunds, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- a) ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES – design for the 3 current bridge projects is done, should be going out to bid for work this spring. Cedar Corp sent a cost estimate for engineering the next 2 bridge projects. Wolf River Trail should have the master plan approved in the fall and then the MOU.
- b) TIMBER SALES – 3 sales are finishing up and 1 will be starting weather permitting. 7 sales will be posted in the spring.
- c) COUNTY PARK – all is good. Trees are ordered with the Urban Forestry Grant
- d) DUAL SPORTS - Committee would like to pursue finding a place to put in a trail.
- e) MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE – press release from Gov. Evers announcing Budget Initiatives to Bolster Forestry Industry, Clean Energy Jobs, and Conservation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting will be March 13, 2023 at 4:30

ADJOURNMENT 6:30PM

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.