

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: March 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, Gordy Mouw, Mike Biese (Via Phone), Travis Wollenberg, Jared Oemig and Erin Lane.

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE February 13, 2023 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Miller to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2023 Forestry and Recreation meeting, second by Lukas. 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 Karl to convene into closed session, second by Dehart. 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 Dehart to reconvene to open session, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller to approve 1-year extension with no penalty for contract #505-20, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LAND TRADE.

Wollenberg will give a presentation at the County Board Meeting explaining the process and for withdrawing land from the County Land Program and will also go through the proposed land trade for easement access. Further discussion on the length of an easement.

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

The 70ft flag pole purchase was approved at finance however when the estimate for the installation came in it was decided that the total cost was too much and to go with the 40ft flag

pole. Grant applications through the F.C. Potawatomi are now open and this could be an option for the 70ft flag pole.

DISCUSSION ON FOREST CARBON CREDIT

Wollenberg explained what all was involved with the Forest Carbon Credit program. The committee would like to get the free estimate on what the County Forest has.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ATV TRAIL WITH MIKE BIESE

Mike Biese would like permission to use a portion of the snowmobile trail that runs through County Land by the 8 Mile Loop for a one-time Spring Ride event on May 13th. Motion by Lukas to approve the one-day trail use, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISION TO TIMBER SALE CONTRACT SPECS

Proposed changes to Penalty, Payment, conifer sales, and root rot. No action will be brought back.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NORTHWOODS POWERSPORTS ADVENTURES PROPOSAL OF JET SKI RENTALS AT THE COUNTY PARK.

There is lack of shoreline space at the County Park as well as it being a swim area. Motion by Karl to deny the proposal, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- a) ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES – March 23rd is the bid opening for bridge replacement.
- b) TIMBER SALES – Current sales are almost complete and 7 sales will be going out in May
- c) COUNTY PARK – bids will be going out for firewood, ice, and pumping. "Let's go Fishing" a nonprofit boat tour group would like to leave their pontoon boat at the County Park for 2 weeks during the summer to provide group tours, the committee was ok with this.
- d) MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE – More information from Doug Brown on the \$134,000 project funds. The money will be held at the State until we have a project lined up to spend it on.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Special Meeting: March 23, 2023 at 4:30

Monthly Meeting: April 10, 2023 at 4:30

ADJOURNMENT 6:10PM

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.