

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: APRIL 10, 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: Troy Peterson via phone, 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 MARCH 23, 2023 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Miller to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 Forestry and Recreation meeting, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING BID FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT.

Troy Peterson with Cedar Corp via phone answered questions pertaining to language in the bid analysis, putting language in the contract for a penalty if work is not completed on time, and the potential reasoning for the price range in bids. The low bidder was Sheet Piling Services LLC(SPS). Motion by Karl to approve the bid from Sheet Piling Services for \$582,414.50, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUTTING TIMBER SALES OUT FOR BID.

Discussion on potentially waiting a few months to put out sales due to poor timber market. There are no signs that the market will pick up in that amount of time, contracts are for 3 years hopefully the market picks up by then. Motion by Karl to put Timber Sales out for bid, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried. 5 week bid time opening will be May 15th at 9:00am.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISION TO TIMBER SALE CONTRACT.

Contract revision approval will be before bid awarding.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DEPARTMENT SWITCHING TO 4/10 WORK WEEK.

Travis and Jared will be switching to 4/10 as of May 1st through November 1st. Travis will have off on Fridays and Jared will have on Mondays. Discussion on Admin Assistant going to 4/10. Motion by Campbell to resume the 4/10 work schedule for Travis and Jared, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BROADBAND LICENSE USED FOR GETTING FIBEROPTIC AT COUNTY PARK.

Lukas will make sure the park is included as one of the locations to receive free service, however more information needs to be looked at, is it free wiring or free service.

DISCUSSION/UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES: Hwy 8 project-Hwy Dept has a few more weeks of work, we will be coordinating the trail opening with Oneida County. Notices will go out when the bridge work is beginning.
- B. TIMBER SALES: 11 outstanding sales and 7 more going out for bid, already looking into next year's sales.
- C. COUNTY PARK: Hired an LTE from UWSP, he will be starting on June 1st. Aaron Nelson plans on returning for another season. Septic, Firewood and Ice will be the same as last year. Playground equipment should potentially be here the first week of June. Grant letter to Potawatomi Community for flag pole has been sent. Trees are ordered and planting will start as soon as the snow melts.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Treasurer's Office makes the decision on the SRS 25% further discussion will be brought there.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING OF NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting will be May 15th @ 4:30 and Timber Sale bid opening May 15th at 9:00am in the Forestry and Recreation Office.

ADJOURNMENT 5:10PM

Motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Tallier. 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.