

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: May 15, 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:

Others Present: Christy Conley, Brent Hipke, Ron James, Dave Grube, Sam Blake, Patrick Peters, Mary Jo Peters, Cindy Gretzinger, Travis Wollenberg 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 APRIL 19, 2023 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Dehart to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2023 Forestry and Recreation meeting, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SRS/25% PAYMENT.

In 2008 County Board Elected to SRS payment and the Treasurer has continued it since, Christy Conley has reviewed it and recommends continuing with the SRS payment rather than the 25% payment, if we switch we will loose money. Further discussion on what others Counties do and the how money is divided between the Title 1,2,and 3. Vote was taken of Committee members in favor of continuing with the SRS payment, Campbell - AYE, Chaney - AYE, Dehart - AYE, Karl - Abstain, Lukas - AYE, Miller - AYE, Tallier - AYE.

DISCUSSION ON PELICAN RIVER CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

Ron James a supporter of the Pelican River Forest Project gave a presentation on the benefits of having the land in a conservation easement and protecting the Wolf River. It would be a perpetual conservation easement that protects the land for public use. This easement would be for roughly 56,000 acres 684 acres of which are located in Forest County. Considering most of the land is in Oneida County the Committee would like to hear from them and get their information and opinion on the easement. Travis Wollenberg will reach out to the Oneida County Chair and invite them to the next Forestry Meeting on June 7th at 5:00pm. No action at this time.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REVISION TO TIMBER SALE CONTRACT SPECS.

Three changes to contract: 1) change one year extension to "Subjected up to 10% increase". 2) payments to be paid withing"30" days of billing. 3) adding in verbiage on "root rot". Motion by Karl to approve the revisions to the Timber Sale Contract, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING TIMBER SALE BIDS.

Motion by Lukas to award Timbers Sale bids to highest bidders as follows Tract 1-23 McKee Logging, Tract 2-23 Ken Mihalko and Sons Logging, Tract 3-23 Tigerton Lumber Company, Tract

4-23 James Grezenski Forest Products, Inc, Tract 5-23 Bell Timber, Tract 6-23 McKee Logging, and Tract 7-23 McKee Logging, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BRIDGE CONTRACT.

Motion by Campbell to approve signing the bridge construction contract for Mill Pond, Popple River Center and Popple River North bridges, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FISH CLEANING STATION AT COUNTY PARK.

Dave Grube was present to ask for permission to start the planning and finding funding options to put up a new fish cleaning station at the County Park. The committee was okay with him proceeding.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ATV ASSOCIATION USING PROPERTY THAT LMT SHOP IS BUILT ON.

The ATV Association would like to park their equipment on the property that LMT leases from the County. The lease to use the land is with LMT.

DISCUSSION ON COUNTY ROADS ACT.

We do not qualify.

DISCUSSION/UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- a) ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES: Hwy Department has started work on the Mays Bar to County Line trail segment, the plan is to open with Oneida County. 8 Mile Loop Trail system is currently closed because it is too wet, because the trail is through County Forestland the roads need to be kept to a certain standard and there is not enough funding to allow ATV/UTV's in now and continuously repair the damage. Both trails should be open by Memorial Day weekend.
- b) TIMBER SALES: nothing to update on
- c) COUNTY PARK: water lines repairs, there have been lots of leaks and are changing out the plastic pieces to metal. Trees are coming this week and planting will start. Water Testing was all good.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Pelican River Project.

Next Meeting will be June 7th at 5:00pm at the County Board Room

ADJOURNMENT 6:10PM

Motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Miller. 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.