FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION

DATE: October 16, 2023

TIME: 4:30 P.M.

PLACE: County Board Room

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Campbell, Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Lukas, and Tallier.

Members Absent: Miller

Others Present: Sam Blake, Ron James, John Newton, Ron Gropp, Travis Wollenberg

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

carried

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING. Motion by Campbell to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023 Forestry and Recreation meeting, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DUAL SPORTS CLUB TRAILS.

John Newton with the Dual Sports Club was present to discuss opening OHM trails by the Jungle Lake/Roberts Lake area to the public. They would propose to create around 20 miles, open from May – October. There is State funding available for maintenance. Everything new or developed would need to be approved by committee. Motion by Lukas to prepare a resolution approving the OHM trail system, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PELICAN RIVER EASEMENT.

There were questions about the easement after the committee members attended the WCA conference. Ron Gropp with the WI DNR was present and spoke about the project and answered questions. The resolution that was previously approved supporting the easement will be sent to County Board.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF VARIABLE ACREAGE RESOLUTION AND LETTER.

Motion by Dehart to approve the resolution and letter, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES: Bridges have been removed and should be placing new bridges that are set to arrive early November. Discussion on ATV trail through Laona School Forest and Wolf River State Trail continuation.
- B. TIMBER SALES: 4 sales are active and few more need to be completed by June 2024
- C. COUNTY PARK: Was a good season will present final numbers next meeting.
- D. LAND PURCHASE: Still looking for property to purchase

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA TIEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next Meeting will be November 13th at 4:30pm at the County Board Room. Motion by Karl to adjourn, second by Dehart. 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.