

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: November 13, 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, Miller and Tallier.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Sam Blake, Travis Wollenberg, Jared Oemig, and Erin Lane

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Campbell to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2023 Forestry and Recreation meeting, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OHM RESOLUTION.

Motion by Miller to approve the OHM Resolution and forward to County Board, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANNUAL WORK PLAN.

Motion by Karl to approve the Annual Work Plan and forward to County Board, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPDATES TO ATV TRAIL ORDINANCE.

Ordinance needs to be updated to include the Valley Trail and wording to allow trail opening to the discretion of the Forest Administrator. Committee agreed to move forward with the changes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES: Bridges are being placed and project should be completed on time. Crandon/Argonne trail master plan draft is complete and moving for approval, funding can be applied for.
- B. TIMBER SALES: 6 sales are active 2 of which are finishing up, 4-5 sales need to be finished by June 2024 3 are eligible for extensions.
- C. COUNTY PARK: Final numbers were reviewed and the committee was pleased with revenue brought in and the work done at the park this year.
- D. LAND PURCHASE: Still looking for property to purchase. Discussion on a potential proposal by Tom Tiffany to look into the possibility of Forest County acquiring Forest Service Land to manage, that would help the budget shortfall the County is facing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next Meeting will be December 11th at 4:30pm at the County Board Room. 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.