FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION

DATE: February 12, 2024

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, Jared Oemig, Travis Wollenberg, and Erin Lane

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Dehart to approve the agenda and move the order of agenda items as needed, second by Lukas. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 15, 2024 FORESTRY AND RECREATION MEETING.

Motion by Miller to approve the minutes from the January 15 meeting and public hearing of Forestry and Recreation, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SALE/DONATION OF OLD BRIDGES TO LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT. Motion by Lukas to donate one of the old bridges to the Laona School District at no charge, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO 5YR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN. The Town of Wabeno is applying for a grant to resurface their tennis and basketball courts. The grant requires this project to be listed in either the Town's or County's outdoor recreation plan. More information will be gathered as to the timing, if this is something they are applying for right away or if it is a few years out. This does require a public hearing. Motion by Miller to approve Public Hearing for plan amendment if needed, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Tallier to approve a 6 month Timber Sale Extension with the 10% penalty increase for contract #507-20, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF UPDATED TRAIL ORDINANCE

Motion by Karl to approve the updated Trail Ordinance and to send to County Board, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES: Discussion on meeting that took place with Mole Lake Community leaders and the possibility of new connecting trails to their community. Travis will discuss options with ATV and Snowmobile Clubs and reach out to State on options along HWY.
- B. TIMBER SALES: 2 Closed, 2 Active and 8 sales to go out this spring.
- C. COUNTY PARK: The new hire for the LTE position already backed out of the position. Travis will be reaching out to the other applicants.

D. LAND PURCHASE: Still looking for property to purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Future agenda items will include potential gravel pit locations.

Tallier would like Travis to attend the April 17th Annual Sustainable Forestry Conference.

Next Meeting will be March 18th, at 4:30pm at the County Board Room.

Motion by Tallier to adjourn, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Adjourn 5:30pm

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.