

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: MAY 13, 2024
TIME: 4:30PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER.

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

ROLL CALL.

Members Present: Chaney, Dehart, Karl, Lukas, Miller, Tallier, Wirtz.

Members Absent:

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

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2024 FORESTRY AND RECREATION PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Miller to approve the minutes from the April 22nd meeting and public hearing of Forestry and Recreation, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

THE COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION: WISCONSIN STATUTE 19.85 (1)(F) "CONSIDERING FINANCIAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL OR PERSONAL HISTORIES OR DISCIPLINARY DATA OF SPECIFIC PERSONS, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION SPECIFIC PERSONNEL PROBLEMS OR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST SPECIFIC PERSONS EXCEPT WHERE PAR. (B) APPLIES WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON REFERRED TO IN SUCH HISTORIES OR DATA, OR INVOLVED IN SUCH PROBLEMS OR INVESTIGATION." THIS CLOSED SESSION RELATES TO:

CONTRACTOR TIMBER SALE EXTENSION.

Motion by Karl to convene into Closed Session, second by Dehart, All Present voting: Chaney(AYE), Dehart(AYE), Karl(AYE), Lukas(AYE), Miller(AYE), Tallier(AYE), Wirtz(AYE),. Motion Carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, IN MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

Motion by Lukas to reconvene into open session, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion Carried.

Motion by Miller to approve a 1-year Timber Sale Extension with 10% stumpage increase for contract #511-21, second by Karl. All present voting Chaney(AYE), Dehart(NAY), Karl(AYE), Lukas(NAY), Miller(AYE), Tallier(AYE), Wirtz(NAY). Vote 4(AYE) to 3(NAY) Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING OF TIMBER SALE BIDS.

Motion by Tallier to award Timber Sale bids to highest bidders as follows Tract 1-24 Franks Trucking of Peshtigo LLC, Tract 2-24 Albrecht Trucking II LLC, Tract 3-24 Whitetail Logging, Tract 4-24 Albrecht Trucking II LLC, Tract 5-24 Whitetail Logging, Tract 6-24 Twin Forest Products, Tract 7-24 Franks Trucking of Peshtigo LLC, 8-24 McCaslin Logging, second by Dehart. All Present voting AYE. Motion Carried

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LAND PURCHASE USING AWARDED ARPA FUNDS.

There are two properties of interest one is a 40-acre parcel connecting to existing County Forest Land, the second property is owned by Meteor Timber Company but they have yet return with an answer if they would indeed be interested in selling. The ARPA funds need to be earmarked for a purchase as soon as possible or the County could potentially loose the funds. Committee would like to proceed with the 40-acre parcel and contact land owner to set up meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES: Nothing new with bridges, 8-mile loop remains closed because it's still wet. Valley Trail rehab is just waiting for the portion that needs blacktop.
- B. TIMBER SALES: 2 active sales
- C. COUNTY PARK: Everything is going well
- D. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Just a note that Ron Skallerud signed the easement with WPS to lay new gas line under ATV Trails

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Future agenda items will include Land Purchase

Next Meeting will tentatively be on June 17th, at 4:30pm at the County Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn 6:05pm

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.