

## **FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: August 12, 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: Sam Blake, Travis Wollenberg, and Erin Lane

### **APPROVE AGENDA.**

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Motion by Miller to approve the minutes from the July 8<sup>th</sup> Forestry and Recreation committee Meeting, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TIMBER SALE CONTRACT.**

Motion by Tallier to approve the updated Timber Sale contract, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FLAG POLE AT COUNTY PARK.**

Hwy Dept has the pole, however the Forestry Department does not have the funding to install it. This will need to be discussed at finance.

No action taken.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY PARK ORDINANCE.**

County Park Ordinance will be reviewed and brought back for next meeting. Potential changes may include firearm and dog policy.

No action taken.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON OLD GROWTH MANAGEMENT.**

This discussion was move from LCC to Forestry. Forest County did send a letter to DC regarding the issue and also signed a letter of memorandum with the Forest Service. There is not a lot of information at this time. Forest Administrator will be sitting in on video conferences as information becomes available.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF HIRING FORESTRY LTE TO MOW TRAILS.**

There is money in the budget to hire someone to mow trails and extra help is needed this year.

Motion by Dehart to approve hiring a Forestry LTE for mowing trails, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF COUNTY CONSERVATION GRANT.

County Conservation is a 50/50 cost share grant that is applied for each year, this covers wildlife seed and trail maintenance. Motion by Karl to approve the County Conservation Grant, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF NEW FORESTRY TRUCK PURCHASE.

The green Ford needs to be replaced it will not make another year. There is some money in Variable Acreage to help with the purchase. Estimate for 2500 extended cab is around \$50,000. Motion by Karl to put truck purchase in the outlay for the 2025 budget, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE, Dehart Abstained. Motion Carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2025 BUDGET.

Wollenberg reviewed the Forestry and Recreation budget with committee. Motion by Lukas to approve the 2025 Forestry and Recreation budget and forward on to finance, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES – Wolf River extension from Crandon to Argonne is open for public comment until October with possible plan approval in April 2025
- b. TIMBER SALES - 1 started and 2 closing out. There was a meeting with DNR on future planning for County Forestland and the potential of areas of even age management were discussed.
- c. COUNTY PARK – Going well.
- d. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – already discussed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the County Park. Due to the cancelation of the County Forest Tour in August the rescheduled date will be before the September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. At 1:00pm that day the committee members will meet at the Courthouse and start a tour of the County Forest to view timber sales, trail systems and finish at the County Park for the Committee Meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.  
Adjourn 6:00pm

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