

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

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: October 7, 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 Lukas to approve the agenda second by Miller. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Motion by Dehart to approve the minutes from the September 9<sup>th</sup> Forestry and Recreation committee Meeting, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

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

Hwy Department cannot do a trade for services for installing the flag pole. There should be enough money in the Park Expense account to cover the installation and the stoop at the backdoor of the cabin.

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

Changes will include no firearms in campground and adding in no ATV/UTVs in campground. Changes will be made and reviewed at next meeting.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RATE INCREASE FOR DAILY AND SEASONAL CAMPING AT COUNTY PARK.**

Motion by Karl to increase daily camping fee by \$5, second by Miller. All present voting - Chaney AYE, Dehart AYE, Karl AYE, Lukas NAY, Miller AYE, Tallier AYE, Wirtz AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Dehart to increase seasonal camping fee by \$100, second by Karl. All present voting Chaney AYE, Dehart AYE, Karl AYE, Lukas NAY, Miller AYE, Tallier NAY, Wirtz AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE TO CANCELTION POLICY AT COUNTY PARK.**

Motion by Miller to change cancelation policy to 7 days in advance and no refunds for early departures, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLIMATE SMART FORESTRY STAND ALONE DOCUMENT.**

This is how the department already manages the County Forest, it just needed to be in writing. No action needed.

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

- a. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES – ATV season is winding down and the Snowmobile clubs will be taking over maintenance on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Grant funding is getting tight for trail development and maintenance projects. No update on Argonne Trail. Still working with Mole Lake, putting together a MOU. Dual Sports Club would like to thank the Forestry Department for the land use and assistance in grant funding. Buschafer Road is the Town of Laona's responsibility because they receive gas tax for that road, we cannot get funding for maintenance on it.
- b. TIMBER SALES – 6 active sales, 4 need to be completed by June 2025 and 10 more on the books
- c. COUNTY PARK – Closed for the season. Discussion on the boat launch rehab project and the disposal of the old launch grate. Motion by Lukas to donate the old grate to the Town of Nashville, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.
- d. OLD GROWTH – Nothing new to report. Committee followed up with Wollenberg on the open records request for the agreement with the Forest Service. Wollenberg needed more information on what they were exactly looking for. Committee advised to request all agreements with Forest County from 1925-1930.
- e. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – Monthly Budget report was reviewed

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

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

Next meeting date will be November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 County Board Room.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn 6:00pm

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