

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: December 9, 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.

Members Absent: Wirtz

Others Present: Ron Skallerud, Travis Wollenberg, and Erin Lane

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Tallier to approve the agenda with amendments second by Dehart. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 11, 2024 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Lukas to approve the minutes from the November 11th Forestry and Recreation committee Meeting, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY PARK ORDINANCE.

Ordinance with changes was presented, ordinance was reviewed by Corporate Council and fine was discussed with the DA. It was recommended to have the fine from min\$100 - max\$1000.

Motion by Dehart to approve the County Park Ordinance and amend the fine to a min\$100 – max\$1000, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Ordinance will go to Public Hearing at January Meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FOREST SERVICE PROJECT REGARDING EMERALD ASH BORE.

Forest Service is working on a project to combat the Emerald Ash Bore by releasing a parasitoid wasp that will eat the larvae of the EAB. This project is proposed for 2025-2026 and could potentially include an area in Forest County.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BOAT LAUNCH REHAB BID PACKET.

Bid packet was reviewed. Discussion on scope of work, ensuring project is completed by company with experience, having it reviewed by Corporate Council, and if engineered plans were needed. Wollenberg will look into the project further to ensure all requirements are met.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. **ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES** – All bridge inspections are complete and two bridge replacement grants will be submitted next year Peshtigo River and Swamp Creek. Mole Lake trails are still being discussed, a draft MOU was put together and is in the review stage.
- b. **TIMBER SALES** – 4 active sales, 3 need to be cut by June.
- c. **COUNTY PARK** – Nothing to report
- d. **OLD GROWTH** – Nothing new to report.
- e. **MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT** – Monthly Budget report was reviewed

- f. MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE – Response from USFS on open records request. The request for any agreements with Forest County from 1925-1930 pulled 2 documents neither of which was what the Committee was looking for. If they would like to do an advanced search they would have to reach out to the National Archives. Motion by Lukas to have Corporate Council draft the open records request to the National Archives and that the cost for the open records should not exceed \$50, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting date will be January 13th, 2025 County Board Room, Public Hearing on Ordinance will be before meeting @ 4:30 and Committee Meeting will be immediately following.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn 5:35pm

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.