

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION
DATE: January 13, 2025
TIME: Immediately Following the Public Hearing
PLACE: County Board Room

CALL TO ORDER.

Chairperson Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL.

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

Members Absent: Tallier

Others Present: Rick Hermus (LMT), Patrick Voigtman (100 Mile Snow Safari), Sam Blake, Ron Skallerud, Travis Wollenberg, and Erin Lane

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Lukas to approve the agenda second by Tallier. All Present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 9, 2024 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Dehart to approve the minutes from the December 9th Forestry and Recreation committee Meeting, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COUNTY PARK ORDINANCE.

Motion by Karl to forward County Park Ordinance on to County Board with changes including the penalty of violation a minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$1000, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BOAT LAUNCH REHAB BID PACKET.

Motion by Lukas to approve the boat launch rehab bid packet, with Wollenberg to consult with Corp Council regarding the increase in liability insurance, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION.

Motion by Karl to approve the ATV Trail Maintenance and development resolution and forward to County Board, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION.

Motion by Lukas to approve the snowmobile trail maintenance and development resolution, second by Wirtz. All in favor, motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE PROJECTS.

We will have to get a grant extension for the Swanson and Swamp Creek bridge replacement projects. Engineering was a bit behind and then the bridge suppliers are all out over 6 months. The engineering is complete and the projects are ready to go out to bid with a completion of fall 2025. Motion by Lukas to put the projects out for bid, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECORDS SEARCH FOR PAST AGREEMENTS WITH FOREST SERVICE.

Wollenberg has been working with the Register of Deeds on going through the archives and doing research on past deeds, resolutions and meeting minutes. This will take some time but it will save the County money rather than paying a title company. Tallier thanked them for their effort.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORESTRY TRUCK PURCHASE.

Ewald Automotive Group supplied quotes on 4 trucks all were 2500 with comparable options Dodge \$46,355 Ford \$49,211 GMC \$47,831 and Chevy \$46,539. Motion by Lukas to approve the purchase of the Chevy, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE except Karl voting NAY. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES – Wollenberg reported that Robert Connor Jr. was at the Snow Council meeting to discuss the potential of his family opening the roads through their property to winter ATV/UTV use and hoping other large land owners would do the same. With the low snow years this may help the local economy. He also talked about his family selling land and advised clubs to met with him about perpetual easements so snowmobile trails would not get closed.
Wollenberg provided a map that showed the larger land holders and the snowmobile trails. Further discussion on the possibility of a winter ATV season.
- b. TIMBER SALES – 2 active sales, 1 waiting on payments
- c. COUNTY PARK – Closing up the Tree Donation project
- d. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – year end entries still finishing up, should have update for next month

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting date will be February 10th 2025 @ 4:30 County Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Tallier to adjourn, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.
Adjourn 5:50pm

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.