

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

COMMITTEE: FORESTRY AND RECREATION  
DATE: February 10, 2025  
TIME: 4:30  
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, Tallier, Miller, Wirtz.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Patrick Voigtman, Sam Blake, Mark Chrisman, Travis Wollenberg, and Erin Lane

### **APPROVE AGENDA.**

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

### **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2025 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Change attendance – Tallier was present at January Meeting, Miller was absent. Motion by Tallier to approve the minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> Forestry and Recreation committee Meeting with the change to the attendance, second by Miller. 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: CONTRACT #507-20 PAYMENTS

Motion by Lukas to convene into closed session, second by Karl. 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 that payment must be received in full by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and to hand deliver payment notice, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECLAIMING COUNTY GRAVEL PIT.**

There is a potential that extra fill from the Hwy 8 project could be placed at the south end of the County gravel pit and spread to reclaim that end. Testing was done and it is clean fill. Motion by Miller to approve the use of the pit to dump extra fill, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **OPENING OF BIDS FOR BOAT LAUNCH REHAB PROJECT WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL.**

2 bids were received Flannery Contracting \$16,000 and Krueger & Stienfest \$26,450. Motion by Lukas to approve the lowest bid, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB TITLE TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II

Motion by Lukas to approve and forward to personnel committee, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDING 2% LAND ACQUISITION FUND.

Wollenberg would like to have the option to use funds from the 2% land acquisition account for County Forest sustainability, examples include reforestation projects, herbicide application, and site prep. Motion by Dehart to amend the resolution to include County Forest Sustainability Projects, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MOA WITH SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA COMMUNITY ON ATV/SNOWMOBILE TRAILS.

MOA on trail funding and maintenance for motorized trails on the Mole Lake Reservation has been completed. Motion by Lukas to send MOA to Corporate Council for review, second by Miller. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATING A WORKING SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREST COUNTY FEDERAL LANDS.

Forestry and LCC departments will have members from each committee work together on a sub-committee to look in to the potential of starting a pilot program with the Forest Service that would allow the County to manage one of their campgrounds. Motion by Lukas to approve the working sub-committee, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. ATV TRAILS AND BRIDGES – Grant extension received for Swanson and Swamp Creek.
- b. TIMBER SALES – 1 active, 1 paused, 1 finishing up, 3 to be completed by June. Review Timber Sale contract
- c. COUNTY PARK – All seasonal sites are booked. Looking at purchasing a log splitter to make firewood for park. All the wood on the County Forest that is being cut for the HWY 8 project is being retained by the County and that will be used for firewood at park. Committee feels that is a lot of wood and should sell the logs and bolts.
- d. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – December report was reviewed
- e. MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE – Musson Brothers reached out to discuss a potential land trade, County would have to go through the process of withdrawing County lands. This trade will be looked into further.  
Black Bear Sportsman Club had an issue with a segment of trail that went through County Forest lands that was logged this year, the trail was rough and rocks were left exposed. Wollenberg went out and viewed the trail, that segment was not used by the logger, it has always been a rough rocky segment that may have had some extra wash out damage over the summer. It seems worse this year due to the low snow. The snowmobile club can use maintenance funds to fix the trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Chaney will be appointing Karl as Vice Chair as he may be moving

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting date will be March 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 @ 4:30 County Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn 6:15pm

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