

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

APPROVE AGENDA.

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2025 FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Lukas to approve the minutes from the February 10th Forestry and Recreation committee Meeting, second by Wirtz. 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 #515-22 – Extension
- Contractor future bidding terms

Motion by Tallier to convene into closed session, second by Dehart. 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 Miller to approve contract #515-22 a 1yr extension with 10% stumpage increase per contract, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller to approve stumpage pre-pay for a 2yr term for contractor, second by Karl. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPDATES TO TIMBER SALE CONTRACT.

Motion by Lukas to add in pre-pay language to contract, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARDING BID FOR SWAMP AND SWANSON CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

Larson Construction Co. Inc. was the low bidder but we are still short on grant funding. The request for additional funds was put in but it could be a few weeks before we know if we are

approved. Motion by Dehart to approve the bid from Larson Construction Co. Inc. pending approval of additional funding, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR BOAT LANDING PROJECT

Motion by Miller to approve the contract for the Boat Launch Project, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.

Chaney will be resigning from the County Board. County Board will have to appoint the new committee chairman.

Miller nominated Karl as Vice-Chairman, second by Wirtz. All present voting: Chaney AYE, Dehart AYE, Karl Abstain, Lukas AYE, Miller AYE, Tallier AYE, Wirtz AYE. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. ATV and Snowmobile Trails and Bridges – Snowmobile Trails are closed for the season. ATV Club can take over April 1st, trails will open as soon as weather permits.
- b. TIMBER SALES – Sales are shut down for spring break up. Spring sales will be mainly Ash. The County only receives the wood cut on the County Forest for the Hwy 8 project, it is stacked in our pit and Otter Creek, will be used for firewood at the County Park
- c. COUNTY PARK – All Good
- d. WORK GROUP UPDATE – Work group is proposing to manage Forest Service Campgrounds, with the new Executive Order by the President GNA will more likely be an option. A meeting with the Forest Service will be set up to discuss further.
- e. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT – report was reviewed
- f. MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE – none

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SETTING NEXT MEETING DATE.

Next meeting date will be April 14th 2025 @ 4:30 County Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn 6:15pm

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.