

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on October 15, 2013. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Erickson, Halada, Johnson, Kelley, Neuens, Steber, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisor Gardner. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve the minutes of the last meeting, as read. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

No members from the community wishing to address the Board

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Neuens to approve a letter to be sent supporting wolf management quota as recommended by the Legislative Advisory Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve a letter to be sent supporting SB 278 relating to closed access on mining exploration areas of MFL lands as recommended by the Legislative Advisory Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve a letter to be sent supporting AB 289 to re-determine the value of tax incremental base of tax incremental districts as recommended by the Legislative Advisory Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to send SB 381 back to the Legislative Advisory Committee in regards to the definitions of an all-terrain vehicle and a utility terrain vehicle for further clarification. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Neuens to approve a letter to be sent opposing AB 390 parental notification for questioning pupils.

A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons for informing the parents. Chairwomen Bomberg called for the vote. Ayes: None (0). Nays: Ten (10). Motion defeated.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2013-19 to support statewide wolf population management as recommended by the Legislative Advisory Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution # 2013 – 19

Intent and synopsis: to support a statewide wolf population management goal of 350 animals in a timely manner.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals or less in 1999 based on prey availability and human population density, and nothing has happened to increase prey availability or decrease human population density in the intervening years; and,

WHEREAS, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous Wolf Management Plan, adopted in 1999 and revised in 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation and Wisconsin Farm Bureau have officially approved the Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearings (2011) overwhelmingly supported a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 or less; and,

WHEREAS, eighteen (18) county boards in northern and west central Wisconsin have passed resolutions that recommend a wolf population goal of 350 (4) or 350 or less (14); and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves from a current wolf population estimated at 800; and,

WHEREAS, the high predator population in particular wolves has resulted in the reduction of the deer population, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors advise the WDNR and other partners to implement meaningful population controls to bring the wolf population to 350 animals or less, in a timely manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors request that the WDNR not relocate problem wolves into any other county in Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this request will be sent to the WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, local legislators, and be forwarded to the North Central Land and Water Conservation Association for further action.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Kelley invited all Board members to an open house and tour of the County Forest and County Parks at the Resource Center at 9am – Wednesday, October 16th, 2013 for those interested.

Chairwoman Bomberg informed the Board that she received two letters of recognition from County Mutual Insurance Corporation which recently held the Annual Representative Assembly at Stevens Point. The Mutual awarded Sheriff Departments with the best overall loss ratios in 2012 and the Florence Sheriff Department was recognized as best overall. The second letter recognized and awarded those Highway Departments with the best overall loss ratios in 2012 and the Florence Highway Department was honorable mentioned.

Supervisor Neuens reported that Bay-Lakes Regional Planning Commission approved the 2014 Membership Levy Rate for Florence County with no increase. He went on to say that Florence County also received the “Milt Reinke Forest Productivity Award”. This award started (25) years ago and Florence County Forestry has won the Award (6) times. Currently the award is located at the Resource Center for those that are interested.

Supervisor Stratton attended the Incarcerated Committee Meeting this past month and two persons from Narcotics Anonymous set up two open meetings for parents and families with drug-addicted relatives. The two meetings had attendance of eleven and twelve.

There being no further business and on a motion made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk