

**FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**3:30 PM - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**  
**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL**  
**FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER**  
**FLORENCE, WI 54121**

**PRESENT:**

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN  
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER  
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USFS NEPA COORDINATOR  
DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER  
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR  
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY  
ED WENGER  
LARRY NEUENS  
LARRY DZEKUTE  
JOHN HALADA  
ADAM FELTS  
HENRY SULLIVAN  
PATRICK SMITH  
MARY PODNAR

Absent or excused: None

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Ed Kelley, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**2. APPROVAL / AGENDA**

It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute seconded by Supervisor Neuens, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as posted.

**3. APPROVAL / MINUTES**

It was moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Neuens, and unanimously carried to approve the Forestry & Parks minutes of August 12, 2015.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Kelley was approached by the American Legion to put up a Veterans Memorial outside the Resource Center.

**5. AGENCY REPORTS**

**A. HARV SKJERVEN - USFS DISTRICT RANGER**

USFS District Ranger Harv Skjerven was not in attendance, however, USFS Nepa Coordinator Adam Felts attended in his place. Felts reported to the committee that a Draft Stewardship Agreement should be finished by the end of the week. The USFS would like it signed by the end of the month so it can be claimed in this fiscal year.

**B. HUBER RESOURCES**

Tony Derleth from Huber Resources was not in attendance. However DNR-County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Henry Sullivan reported that Shawn & Shane McLain have been working on the Conservation Infrastructure Project for road improvement on the Savage and Robago Lake road. All roads that the DNR have Conversation rights to will remain open for public use.

**C. DNR-HENRY SULLIVAN**

Sullivan reported that there are two active sales going on in the County. One is located in Fence and the other is near Savage Lake.

The State's Marking Contract should be advertised the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October with the hopes of having the marking done by June 1<sup>st</sup> so it can be claimed in fiscal year 2016.

A new Forestry Technician has been hired. He will begin the first week in October. This is good news for the Florence DNR team.

## **6. COUNTY FOREST**

### **A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE**

Administrator Smith said there are nine active timber sales in the County.

### **B. BUDGET UPDATE**

Smith wanted the committee to be aware that he changed in the income numbers based upon the number of sales that he believes will starting yet this year. Smith will be presenting the budget to the Audit & Budget committee next Thursday.

### **C. WCFA FALL MEETING**

Smith wanted to remind the committee that the Fall WCFA meeting is being held on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in going needs to let Business Manager, Mary Podnar know as soon as possible.

### **D. NOVEMBER MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The date for the November meeting has been changed to November 4<sup>th</sup> due to Veterans Day.

The DNR will be putting land up for sale in Florence County. One of the areas is located in Aurora and the other is the Bodelin property in Spread Eagle. Smith said this would be a nice oak resource and could be used as a potential gravel source. There are some good incentives out there that could be used to purchase it. The DNR would like to know if the County is interested in the properties by late November. After much discussion it was decided that Smith should meet with representatives from Madison to discuss the details of the sale.

## **7. RECREATION**

### **A. US2 RAILROAD BRIDGE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

Smith has still not heard back from Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the US2 Railroad Bridge MOU. He had our attorney review the language and the attorney was fine with the way it was written.

### **B. PARKS**

Smith passed around and discussed the Boat Launch and Campground Revenue Reports. Camping season is close to being over.

### **C. PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Smith was approached by the owner of Kiddie Kottage Daycare asking if the County was interested in purchasing their playground equipment. It was moved by Supervisor Neuens, seconded by Supervisor Dzekute, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of this equipment for up to \$5,000.

## **8. AMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Smith received the same complaint about Frog Lake. Smith did a little digging and found out what can and what cannot be done on this property. Smith believes this is a trespass issue.

Smith said he will get the updated dates for the Wood Cut Permits into the paper.

**9. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Supervisor Neuens wanted Smith to be aware that there was a vehicle driving off with green firewood on the Burma/Sleeter road.

**10. BILLS/REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER**

It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute, seconded by Supervisor Halada, and unanimously carried to approve bills being paid by the Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center for the month of August.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Neuens, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Podnar, Business Manager  
Florence County Forestry and Parks