

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

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

ED KELLEY
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
RICH WOLOSYN
MATT BRUNETTE
TYLER WOOD
DAN REYNOLDS - PHONE
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – all were present.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Wolosyn and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as read.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Kelstrom stated he would like to ask a question under the North Lake Landing update.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds gave an updated on the seasonal hiring's for vacancies they had in the area and positions that were filled. Grooming is going well on the Lauterman trails.

There is one active timber sale in Florence County. Getting ready to re-cruise the Grub Hoe timber sale.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported no active sales in the County. The DNR and County staff worked to update the time standards calculation worksheet. The worksheet calculation came to 1156 hours - which will be prorated by the DNR. The current time standard hours the DNR is committed to is approximately 1100 hours.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County.

B. CARBON CREDITS

Smith was part of a Zoom Meeting call with Finite Carbon on Monday. He received a non-disclosure agreement from them and sent it to Corporate Counsel for review. He will send Finite Carbon our County Forest information so they can present us a proposal. Blue Source will modify their agreement with our Corporate Counsel suggestions. Both are interested in working with the County – we will need to wait for the proposals from each.

C. APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ADA DOORS

We only received one bid for the installation of ADA doors at the Resource Center, Ski Hill and Highway buildings. Smith passed around and discussed the bid from LaForce. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to accept the bid from LaForce and send on to County Board for approval.

D. FORESTRY TECH LTE POSITION UPDATE

Audit and Budget came back with a wage of \$18.93 for the Forestry Tech LTE position. Supervisor Wolosyn asked Smith to determine the range of hours, whether it will be an LTE or Occasional worker position, and will they help with the analysis of the carbon credit program. It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to have Smith come back with a firm description of the Forestry Tech position and bring it next months meeting.

E. LAKE OF DREAMS PARCEL

Supervisor Wolosyn inquired about how the Lake of Dreams parcel became County property. Smith explained they acquired it because it was taken back on delinquent taxes. It was used as a match for the Gunnelson property purchase through the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant program – therefore it was entered into County Forest Law. A letter was sent from the DNR to all townships that were affected. Supervisor Wolosyn and Modschiedler asked Smith for a copy of this letter for next month's meeting.

7. RECREATION

A. SKI HILL

Smith passed around the 2021-2022 Ski Season report. The ski hill is doing quite well for this time of year. He also highlighted a few mechanical issues the Bunny Hill tow rope is having.

B. COSGROVE LAKE PROPERTY DISCUSSION

The surveyor acknowledged there was an error made with the original property lines at Cosgrove Lake. There is a house on County property. Smith will continue to work to resolve the issue.

C. NORTH LAKE LANDING UPDATE

Smith passed around an updated draft map from Coleman Engineering. There will be a Zoom meeting next Monday with SECOLA. Steve Friberg from Coleman will be there to answer questions.

8. LAND SALES

A. ACCEPT OR REFLECT OFFERS

Smith passed around the Ongoing Land Sale offers for purchase report. Smith received an offer for Parcel #6 from Benjamin and Trista Johnson for \$40,050.00 and an offer on Parcel #12 from Cheryl Spence for \$50.00 . It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve these bids and send to County Board for approval.

Smith would like to re-advertise with another 25% reduction to the minimum bid price. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to re-advertise for a 2022 Land Sale at a 25% reduction to the minimum bid price.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Smith will be on vacation for next month's meeting – therefore Ziolkowski will run the meeting.

Smith asked the Committee to review the Annual Florence County Forest Workplan and annual Resolutions (for grant applications) that he passed around and to let him know if they had questions. They will be on the agenda for next month to be passed and will need to be sent on to County Board for final approval.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to approve bills being paid for the month of December by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 PM.

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