

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN / COMMITTEE MEMBER
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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DNR – PUBLIC LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
SUSAN THEER
JOE MILLS
TYLER WOOD
MARY PODNAR

ABSENT OR EXCUSED: Matt Brunette

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Matt Brunette was excused.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as posted.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 10, 2024 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

Acting USFS Timber Management Assistant Eric Anderson was not in attendance.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forester Tyler Wood said there are two active sales in the County. They are working with the town's road restrictions for hauling.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski was not in attendance. DNR Forester Wood said the County has two active sales in the County. They are busy finalizing Spring Sales.

B. TRUCK BIDS

Business Manager Mary Podnar told the Committee that Administrator Smith is waiting to hear back from State Contract holder Ewald Automotive Group to see if the truck they have will work for the department. If not – we will need to bid out a truck which is has already been budgeted. It was moved by Supervisor Mills and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve bidding for new truck if Ewald Automotive’s does not workout for the department.

7. RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve Resolutions A – E and send to County Board.

8. RECREATION

A. SKI HILL

Podnar told the Committee that the hill has remained opened – even with the warm weather we have had. They started making snow this week. Supervisor Modschiedler commented on how clean and organized the Lodge looks.

B. OUTOODR RECREATIONAL PLAN CONTRACT APPROVAL

Podnar passed around the contract between the County and Bay Lakes Regional Planning for a new recreation plan. It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to approve the Bay Lakes contract with the County and send to County Board.

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A. COSGROVE LAKE UPDATE

Podnar passed around and discussed a map showing the Cosgrove Lake parcels. It was recommended to deed the County parcels to each adjacent owner. It was moved by Supervisor Theer and seconded by Supervisor Mills and carried to approve deeding over the County parcels and send to County Board.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:15 PM.

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