

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

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

ED KELLEY
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
GARY STEBER
TYLER WOOD
DAN REYNOLDS - PHONE
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Matt Brunette & Rich Wolosyn

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Matt Brunette and Rich Wolosyn were excused. Supervisor Theer said she would be late.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Steber seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

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

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Forestry and Parks received a thank you card regarding the nice job grooming on the cross country ski trails.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said the new NEPA Planner should start sometime in April. They want to hire a Botany Technician in the Florence office. The Seasonal Recreation crew will be back on April 11th.

There are two active timber sales in Florence County.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported no active sales in the County. Weight restrictions will begin next Friday. It was agreed that DNR Forestry would provide 1025 time standard hours for the upcoming state fiscal calendar year.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Administrator Smith reported one active timber sales in the County. Been busy working on a hardwood recon.

B. CARBON CREDIT UPDATES

Smith spoke with Blue Source and Finite Carbon. Smith signed a non-disclosure agreement with Blue Source but not Finite Carbon yet – he is waiting to get this agreement back from them. Smith will provide more information to the Committee – but it will need to be closed session. He is waiting to hear from both companies so the Committee will be able to compare.

C. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE OCCASIONAL LABOR POSITION

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve to advertise for the Forestry & Parks Occasional Laborer position.

D. FORESTRY TECH LTE POSITION UPDATE

Smith passed around an updated Limited Term Forestry Technician job description. It was moved by Supervisor Steber and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler to send to Personnel for approval.

E. SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY CONFERENCE

The Sustainable Forestry Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at the Keyes Peak Lodge. If anyone is interested in attending, please let Mary Podnar know.

F. BUDGET CHANGES

Smith said the purchase of a new mower was taken out of the 2022 budget. He was not notified of this budget cut and is not sure if it was taken out for a reason or if it was an error. It was moved by Supervisor Steber and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler to send to Audit & Budget to clarify and determine what should be done.

******Note Supervisor Theer arrived at 4:16.*

7. RECREATION

A. SKI HILL

The truck hill climbs are being held this Saturday on March 12th. The department has been busy preparing for the event.

B. COSGROVE LAKE PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Smith spoke with the property owners regarding the encroachment issue. Smith said he needs to get a survey of the property with a legal description. He would then need to get an appraisal of the property to sell. Smith will come back with prices for next month's meeting so the Committee knows how to proceed.

8. LAND SALES

A. ACCEPT OR REJECT OFFERS

Smith passed around the Ongoing Land Sale Offers for Purchase list. It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to accept the bids for Parcel #1 and Parcel #2.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The 2022 WCFA Summer Tour will be held in Rusk County on June 22nd - 24th. Let Podnar know if you would like to attend.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Steber seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM.

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