

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
3:30 P.M. - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER
FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR / VICE CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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USFS NEPA COORDINATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
ED WENGER
LARRY DZEKUTE
HOLLY STRATTON
SUSAN THEER
ADAM FELTS
PATRICK SMITH
ANDY NAULT
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 Theer, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as posted.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Stratton, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 11, 2016 as read.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. HARV SKJERVEN - USFS DISTRICT RANGER

USFS District Ranger Harv Skjerven was not able to make the meeting. However, USFS NEPA Coordinator Adam Felts reported the Grub Hoe marking contract will be starting up soon. The Grub Hoe is a contract that falls under the current Stewardship Agreement with the County. Right now the big timber sale project going on in the County is the Morgan Lake Vegetation Harvesting project. The public comment period for this project ends June 30, 2016.

Administrator Smith wanted the Committee to be aware that he will be ordering lumber to replace the boardwalks as part of the Stewardship Agreement. The lumber is a specialty order and according to the contract must be rough sawn and ground treated. Smith had difficulty finding it locally. Therefore, he ordered it from Lampert Lumber in Eagle River. It was moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Stratton, and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of this specialty lumber.

B. HUBER & ASSOCIATES

Tony Derleth reported that they currently have five crews working in the woods – but only one in Florence County.

Derleth also reported that out of the 150 antlerless tags that were issued over the hunting season, only 65-70 were actually filled. He is not sure Huber will continue issuing the antlerless deer tags.

The markets are tightening and prices are dropping.

The Florence block is no longer for sale.

C. DNR – HENRY SULLIVAN

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Henry Sullivan was not in attendance, however, Administrator Smith reported a few things for him. The fire season is over. The Department was able to get in one prescribed burn on the Spread Eagle Barron's near Roach's Fire Lane.

There is one active timber sale going on in the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Andy Nault reported that there are two active timber sales going on in the County. He foresees more jobs starting up in July.

B. RESOURCE CENTER JANITOR PART TIME POSITION

Administrator Smith reported that hiring for the janitorial position has been approved by Personnel and now has been sent to Building and Grounds to advertise and fill.

C. RESOURCE CENTER HIGH SCHOOL INTERN

Personnel approved the hiring of the Resource Center Intern position. Smith told the Committee that there was only one applicant.

D. RECREATION COORDINATOR POSITION - UPDATE

Smith would like to re-advertise the position and if there is a change to the wage – it can be addressed when the results of the Wage Study are final. It was moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Theer, and unanimously carried to re-advertise the Recreation Coordinator position.

7. RECREATION

A. PARKS

The department received one complaint regarding a power issue at Lake Emily campground. Smith was aware of the issue and is working on resolving it. He then passed around and discussed the 2016 Campground and Boat Launch Revenue reports.

B. BOAT LANDING PROJECTS

Both the Sea Lion and Menominee River Boat Landing projects are on-going. The contracted portion of the Sea Lion Landing should be complete by the end of next week. There are still a few small projects the department will need to finish. Work continues to progress on the Menominee River Landing as well.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith reminded the Committee that there is a Summer WCFA meeting next week Thursday.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

10. BILLS/REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Stratton, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:08.

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