

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
3:30 PM - WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020
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
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

ED KELLEY
LARRY DZEKUTE
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
TYLER WOOD
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Roll call was taken Ed Kelley, Susan Theer and Fran Modschiedler were present– Larry Dzekute arrived at 3:32 and Matt Brunette arrived at 3:52.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda without changes.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

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

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS District Manager Chad Kirschbaum was not in attendance and did not provided an email update

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported that there are no active sales in the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported that the County has one active timber sale. Taylor has been busy setting up timber sales and is working closely with Tyler Wood from WDNR.

B. 15 YEAR PLAN – REVIEW PREVIOUS CHAPTERS

Administrator Smith is working on the last two chapters of the 15 Year Plan and will try to have it ready for next

month's meeting.

C. APPROVE SPRING TIMBER SALE BIDS

It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute and Seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve to award the sales to the highest bidder and negotiate TO sell the three sales that did not receive bids.

7. RECREATION

A. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

A group meeting with the Dickinson Trail Network (DTN) to discuss preliminary ideas on how to move forward did occur. The DTN is going to go out to our proposed area to look over the land so some preliminary ideas can be formed.

B. KEYES LAKE PROJECT

It was moved but Supervisor Theer and seconded by Supervisor Dzekute to move forward with the change of funding to allow for lighting at the Keyes Lake Boat landing. Use of extra grant money for a lighting project at Keyes Lake boat landing was approved at the Audit & Budget meeting prior to this meeting.

C. PATTEN LAKE

Smith gave an update on the Patten Lake Boat Landing. The concrete pads installed in 2004-2005 had shifted and detached from each other and power loading of boats also created a large hole at the end of the pads. The highway department removed the old pads, repaired the hole and placed new pads. After the pads were placed a local contractor poured a cement pad in front of the pads and over to the dock. The project turned out very well.

B. MENOMINEE RIVER BRIDGE

Smith gave a brief update on the Menominee River Bridge repairs. This project is being led by the Michigan DNR. The project was put out to bid and came in over project estimates. The county will be going back to try to secure more funding for the repairs.

B. COSGROVE LAKE

Over the past few years there have been several complaints regarding parking issues at Cosgrove Lake Landing. We are looking into options to create a better parking area and potentially a better road into the boat landing. This will require some survey expense to identify the property boundaries.

8. LAND SALES

Smith reported on an update on a land sale in the Town of Aurora from a few years ago. There is a small parcel of land that was encroached on by a neighbor. The small parcel had been divided and offered to each of the neighbors for purchase. One neighbor did not follow through on the purchase and has since sold the property. The new owners are now interested in purchasing the county property. Smith will be looking into the situation further and bring back any recommendations.

Also, the Treasurer has given Smith several properties that can be sold. This will be an item for a future agenda for consideration.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Smith updated the committee on a couple of projects that were accomplished the past month. The Little Popple River snowmobile bridge road was completed and there was work done on the Hall's creek road to help accommodate users of the Horse Trails.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Modschiedler asked about the possibility of installing a dry hydrant at the Lake of Dreams boat landing. Smith stated that would be something we would be willing to allow and that Fran should speak with Joe Witynski regarding how the installation would happen with that.

Supervisor Brunette asked about moving the meeting time back to 4:00 to accommodate his work schedule. The committee agreed to moving the time back to 4:00.

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve bills being paid for Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center for May, this is to include an add on bill for Jayco Construction for cement work at Patten Lake.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Smith, Administrator
Florence County Forestry and Parks