

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

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 DISTRICT SILVICULTURIST
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER**

**ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
SUSAN THEER
TYLER WOOD
KATIE THEISEN
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR**

OTHERS PRESENT FOR PRESENTATION:

**COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
COUNTY TREASURER
FINANCIAL MANAGER**

**JEANETTE BOMBERG
DONNA LIEBERGEN
PAUL MARTIN**

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 and all were present. A moment of silence was taken in honor of late Supervisor Larry Dzekute.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

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

4. CARBON CREDIT PRESENTATION

Administrator Pat Smith introduced Justin Miller and Shane Kleiman who are representatives from Green Timber Consulting Foresters Inc. They gave a presentation regarding Florence County's Forest carbon credit opportunities and their recommendations on how to proceed forward. Questions were answered.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public would like boat launch fees added to see the county website.

6. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS District Silviculturist Katie Theisen reported that they were pleased with the bids on their recent timber sale. All positions in Florence have been filled.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported one active sale in the County.

7. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported that the County has four active sales and has been busy scaling wood.

8. RECREATION

A. PARKS & BOAT LANDINGS

Smith reported that the parks and campgrounds have been busy. The department has noticed an increase in yearly boat launch sticker sales.

B. PROPERTY ACQUISITION DISCUSSION

Smith said he is still waiting for appraiser to get back to him.

C. ATV & SNOWMOBILE CONTRACT

Smith passed around the Florence County yearly trail maintenance service contract. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the contract and send to County Board.

9. LAND SALES

Smith passed around the upcoming Fall 2021 Land Sale list. It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Brunette and carried to approve advertising the Fall 2021 land sales.

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Smith explained that if the County decides to move forward with carbon credits – that there are options on how to proceed forward.

11. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette asked if Forestry & Parks plans on mowing Halls Creek trailhead. Smith said they had mowed it once – and will again in the near future.

12. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 PM.

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