

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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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
MATT BRUNETTE
RICH WOLOSYN
TYLER WOOD
DAN REYNOLDS (PHONE)
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Fran Modschiedler & Susan Theer

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken and Fran Modschiedler and Susan Theer were excused.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

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

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant reported that they had three active timber sales.

Administrator Pat Smith told the Committee that he sent an extension letter to the contractor of our Stewardship timber sale. The extension was for another year and included a payment plan.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported one active sale in the County. The department is planning to have a prescribed burn next week in the Barrens off of Menominee River Drive.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County. He has been busy preparing for the upcoming Fall Timber Sales.

B. CARBON CREDITS

Smith reported that the WCFA and Steigerwalt Land Services will be hosting an online webinar on August 31st from 2:00PM – 4:00PM. If anyone on the Committee interested in attending – please let Smith know.

7. RECREATION

A. PARKS & BOAT LANDINGS

Smith reported that campground revenues are down from last year. Boat landing revenues are average as of right now.

B. PROPERTY ACQUISITION DISCUSSION

Smith said the property owner received a market value assessment from Remax for \$375,000 - \$400,000. Smith is still having a hard time getting an appraisal for the property. Supervisor Wolosyn asked Smith to find out how much the North Lake landing is used. It was the consensus of the Committee to move forward with this issue. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Wolosyn and unanimously carried to have this put on the Land Conservation Committee Agenda for discussion.

C. SKI HILL NEW GROOMER

Smith passed around a picture and description of the “new/used” groomer with a tiller that the Ski Hill Committee purchased. They are working on a plan to get it delivered here. This groomer will be insured by the County.

8. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

We are still working on the 2022 budget for Forestry and Parks. Smith will submit the budget to the Financial Manager with the understanding that it will be subject to change after review from the Forestry & Parks Committee at their September meeting.

Work has begun on the DNR brushing/mowing contract.

Smith witnessed the dumping brush on the County Forest. He is working on a way to keep this from happening in the future. There has been issues in the past of tires, garbage and brush being dumped in various locations of the County Forest. The department does their best to clean these areas up - but it is frustrating to have this happen year after year.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette asked if he could get an estimate of Homesteads severance payment for 2021. Business Manager Podnar said she would email a copy of the 2020 payment voucher to Brunette.

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Wolosyn and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 PM.

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