

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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SUPERVISOR / COUNTY BOARD CHAIR
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
BUSINESS MANAGER
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

LARRY DZEKUTE
MATT BRUNETTE
JEANETTE BOMBERG
PATRICK SMITH
MARY PODNAR
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Ed Kelley, Susan Theer & Fran Modschiedler

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Bomberg 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 but he did provide an email update that was shared with the Committee. The Committee is still waiting on updates regarding gates on the snowmobile trail.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood was not in attendance.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Administrator Pat Smith reported that the County has no active timber sales.

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski updated the Committee regarding the emerald ash borer on the County Forest. There will be three sales ready for bid approval at next month's meeting.

B. 15 YEAR PLAN

A public meeting for comments will be held on September 21, 2020 from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

C. VERSO RESOLUTION

It was moved by Supervisor Bomberg and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and carried to approve the Implications of Verso Mill Closures Resolution and send to the County Board for consideration.

7. RECREATION

A. MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Business Manager Mary Podnar updated the Committee on the potential mountain bike trail in the County. Members from the Dickinson Trail Network will be meeting with Forestry & Parks to determine a location.

8. LAND SALES

Smith passed around potential procedure changes to the County land sale process. It was moved by Supervisor Bomberg and Seconded by Supervisor Brunette and carried to allow Smith to make the changes.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. LAND AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF WI

Smith explained the lease agreement between the Resource Center and DOT. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and Seconded by Supervisor Bomberg and carried to approve the DOT lease agreement.

B. 15 YEAR PLAN LISTENING SESSION

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10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Bomberg, seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 PM.

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