

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
SUSAN THEER
JOE MILLS
MATT BRUNETTE
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
TYLER WOOD
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – all were present.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of December 14, 2022.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds updated the Committee on filling vacancies throughout the agency.

There will be timber sale bid opening next week. The Grub Hoe bid opening was held last month. There are six active timber sales – two of which are in Florence County.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported that the department is busy working on recon.

C. DNR – TOM CARLSON WILDLIFE UPDATE

DNR Wildlife Biologist updated the Committee about the completed and future Wildlife projects in the County. He will work with Smith and Ziolkowski on planning future project. Gave a deer harvesting update.

His next focus will be working on tracking surveys. There is a “draft” wolf survey out that is available for the public comment on the DNR website now through February 28th.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County.

7. RECREATION

A. FIREWOOD CONTRACT FOR CAMPGROUNDS

Smith did not have the contract ready.

B. SKI HILL COOK

The people who said they would work at the ski hill as a cook – changed their minds. We had to scramble to find help during Christmas break.

It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Brunette and carried to approve advertising for a Ski Hill cook and send to Personnel.

8. LAND SALES

A. ACCEPT BID FOR PARCELS #5

Smith passed around the bid he received for parcel #5. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve the bid for parcel #5 and send to County Board for approval.

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith is working on rollover funds with Finance on the Forestry and Parks budgets to purchase a truck with the remaining funds. He will bring his findings to next month’s meeting.

The USFS is holding off on giving the County the Keyes Lake property. They may be able to improve the building for their seasonal employees using funds from the Infrastructure Bill.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. 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 December by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:29 PM.

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