

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN / COMMITTEE MEMBER
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

JOE MILLS
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
CHARLES KELLSTROM
MATT BRUNETTE
ANDY NAULT
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
ERIC ANDERSON

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: HENRY SULLIVAN

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Joe Mills called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Supervisor Sullivan was excused.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Kellstrom seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of December 11, 2024 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Eric Anderson said no work has been done on the trails yet. There are three active sales in the County.

B. DNR – ANDY NAULT

DNR State Land Forester Andy Nault said there were four active State Land timber sales and four active GNA sales in the County. Wood seems to be moving well. The department has met 55% of time standard hours for the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

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

B. WCFA MEETING – MARCH 26TH & 27TH MARSHFIELD

Smith said the Spring WCFA meeting will be March 26th & 27th. If anyone would like to attend – please let us know.

C. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS NEW TRACTOR

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve advertising for a new tractor and any remaining funds to be used for a brushing head.

7. RECREATION

A. NORTH LAKE BOAT LANDING

Smith said when filling out the application for this grant – there was a permit that needed extra engineering work. This engineering cost will be \$4,500. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the engineering/permit payment.

B. RECREATION PLAN

It was moved by Supervisor Kellstrom and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve 2025 – 2030 Recreation Plan and send to County Board for approval.

C. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE LAWNMOWER

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a 52” and 42” lawnmower. Smith will check the bidding requirements.

D. APPROVE PURCHASE OF NEW DOCK

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a new dock.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith said the ski hill is going good. They have someone coming to look at the pump which operates the snow making guns to see if they can increase pressure. The pavilion looks very nice.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette asked if the QR code was up to date. Smith said he would get back to him. Smith also said the club can use aluminum nails for signing the horse trails.

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

11. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to move to closed session.

12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to move out of closed session.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to advertise for summer help.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Mills at 5:00 PM.

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