

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
JOE MILLS
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
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 Mills 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 Modschiedler, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Kelstrom requested a copy of the final boat launch revenue report when ready.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said they are trying to fill a botany position in the Florence office. Nikki Richardson will be the point of contact regarding recreational trails on the Nicolet side.

They are starting the North Branch NEPA project. There are four active timber sales.

The finalized map for the Grub Hoe Timber Sale has been given to Administrator Pat Smith.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported one active timber sales in the County. There will be more active sales this winter.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski reported three active timber sales in the County.

B. APPROVE TIMBER SALE BIDS

Ziolkowski passed around the Fall 2022 Timber Sale Bid Summary – which totaled \$336,648.14. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the Fall 2022 Timber Sale bids.

C. CARBON CREDITS

Smith and the Committee discussed last month's presentation from Anew. In order to move forward, it was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Mills and approved for Smith to negotiate with Anew a contract with approval from County Corp Counsel and DNR. Supervisor Theer opposed.

7. RECREATION

A. LODGE RENTAL RATES

Smith proposed raising the lodge rent from \$400 to \$600 and the security deposit from \$200 to \$400. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve the Lodge rental rate.

B. SKI HILL RATES

Smith proposed raising the ski hill rates for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the increased ski hill rates.

C. CAMPGROUND RATES/RULES

Smith proposed raising the campground rates and included an online reservation fee. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the increased campground rates and online fees.

8. BUDGET

Smith passed around and discussed the Forestry & Parks Expense & Revenue 2023 budget. He had to submit it to Audit & Budget before he presented it to the Committee. It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the 2023 budget.

Smith then passed around the Capital Improvement worksheet for Forestry & Parks. He explained the West Bass Bathroom project funding.

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith told the Committee that the Menominee River Bridge project fell short in funding. In order to close out the grant – Smith would need to sign a contract for abutment work. He has grant funding to complete the work. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve Smith signing the contract to complete the Menominee River Bridge work.

The Resource Center janitor turned in her two week notice. Smith notified to Kelly Sleeter to advertise for the position.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Modschiedler inquired about the land in Tipler. Ziolkowski said he still has not heard from the neighbor.

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

12. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to adjourn to closed session pursuant to the following:

WI State Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(e). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss employee wages and overtime pay policy.

13. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate on matters discussed in closed session. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve to send the wage review document and overtime policy to the Personnel Committee for consideration.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 5:45 PM.

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