

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024
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/STATE LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (via phone)

JOE MILLS
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
HENRY SULLIVAN
CHARLES KELLSTROM
ANDY NAULT
PAT SMITH
TAYOR ZIOLKOWSKI
DAN REYNOLDS

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Matt Brunette excused

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

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

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Administrator Pat Smith said he received a compliment on the Besse Babbit road.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said there is still a hiring freeze. The USFS met their 2024 fiscal year timber target. He then gave an update on timber sales stating that there are two active in the county.

B. DNR – ANDY NAULT

DNR County Forester Andy Nault introduced himself to the Committee. They are back to being fire staffed – there was one fire in the county last week. There are two active sales in the County and three GNA sales.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

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

B. APPROVE TIMBER SALE BIDS

Ziolkowski passed around the Fall Timber Sale bid summary. He said two of the six advertised sales sold. It

was moved by Supervisor Kellstrom and seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously approved to accept the two bids. Both Smith and Ziolkowski said they would follow-up with contractors to see why the other sales did not sell.

C. FORESTRY TECH POSITION INTERVIEWS

Smith indicated he would try September 23rd or 24th for dates for interviews as this month is filling up fast for available days.

7. RECREATION

A. NORTH LAKE BOAT LANDING

Smith met with SECOLA and they are still working on pricing. He also spoke with the DATCP Engineer regarding permeable pavers and because of water flow issues – she would not recommend installing them at the boat landing. She said they would require a lot of maintenance and get clogged. Smith sent the report to SECOLA and said he was not in favor of installing. He plans to submit the grant application in November or December.

B. OTHER BOAT LANDING CONCERNS

Smith said they put up cameras looking for power loading offenders. They have been giving video to the Sheriff's department hoping they will give out tickets.

They will be fixing Patten Lake and Menominee River boat landings.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith passed around an email he received from the Florence Diggers Softball coordinator detailing their finances.

Smith found the easement paperwork for the road going through Duane Drewa's property in Fern. They showed the transfer of DOT road maintenance funding to the county as County Forest Roads.

Supervisor Sullivan asked if the two Access Agreements have been signed – Smith said they have not.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Mills at 4:47 PM.

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