

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
RICH WOLOSYN
MATT BRUNETTE
TYLER WOOD
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman 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 Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda.

Administrator Pat Smith said he had nothing to report on the North Lake boat landing – therefore it was not put on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as read.

4. DECORUM OF INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

Supervisor Wolosyn addressed concerns of how to address members of the public. He spoke with Administrator Smith and both agreed that a better choice of words could have been used by an employee. The issue was addressed and is settled. He explained the importance of why the North Lake boat landing improvements were sent to other Committees. He asked that members of the public refrain from side meetings during the Forestry & Parks Committee meeting.

5. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Kellstrom appreciated the attention to the name calling. He also believes spending protocols are not being followed on the North Lake boat landing project. Supervisor Theer assured Mr. Kellstrom that proper spending protocols are being followed and that Administrator Smith is doing what the Forestry & Parks Committee has directed him to do. She went on to explain how the process works.

6. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds was not present. Smith updated the Committee on the Stewardship project.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported no active sale in the County. He passed around a map detailing where the Good Neighbor Authority sales are in Florence County.

7. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

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

B. CARBON CREDITS

Smith spoke with a development company for carbon credit projects called Blue Source and sent him the County Forest recon information. They were going to look at our information and let us know where the County can go from here. Blue Source sent a non-disclosure agreement for the County to sign. It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to approve getting permission from the County Board Chair to send this non-disclosure agreement to Corporate Counsel for review and how to handle the information during the Forestry & Parks meetings.

Smith will send Supervisor Wolosyn the presentation from our previous meeting.

C. 2021-2022 GNA CONTRACT

Smith passed around and explained the County Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) program Contract. It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve the 2021-2022 GNA Contract.

8. RECREATION

A. PARKS & BOAT LANDINGS

Smith passed around the final Boat Launch and Campground Revenue reports from the 2020-2021 season.

B. SKI HILL GRANT APPLICATION

The Tourism Capital Grant Program came out with a grant to use up to \$10,000,000 of ARPA funds for local governments for tourism projects. Smith is applying for grant funds for Keyes Peak Ski Hill capital improvements to update our snowmaking equipment, build a pavilion & sidewalks, and build a bathhouse for the disc golf course. It was moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve applying for the Tourism Capital Grant.

9. LAND SALES

Smith passed around an Ongoing Land Sale for Purchase list and Instructions to Bidders form. He received an offer to bid for Parcel #2 for \$13,000 (*minimum was \$21,200*) and for Parcel #6 for \$20,000 (*minimum was \$40,050*). After discussion it was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to reject these below minimum bids.

It was also moved by Supervisor Wolosyn seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve updating the Instructions to Bidders language for "Ongoing Sales" to not consider offer to bids that are below

minimum.

10. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Smith received a phone call from a lake property owner asking if the County would be interested in constructing a boat landing on the private lake. Smith is not sure if they want to donate the land or have the County purchase it. The property owner is willing to come to a Forestry & Parks Committee meeting to discuss.

Smith had a complaint of a private landowner accessing County property on a road that is blocked from the public by Forestry & Parks and harassing hunters.

Smith will be on vacation for the next two weeks.

11. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette said there were signs broken and pulled out at the Bush Lake Flats equestrian trail. Smith will look into. Ziolkowski said there is a scarification project going on and wanted to know what seed can be used that is safe for the horses in that area. They want to make the road wider.

12. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 PM.

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