

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN / COMMITTEE MEMBER
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

JOE MILLS
HENRY SULLIVAN
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
CHARLES KELLSTROM
PAT SMITH
MARY PODNAR

ABSENT OR EXCUSED: none

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

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 Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2025 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds was not present.

B. DNR FORESTRY – COLBY POWERS

DNR State Land Forester Colby Powers was not present.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Administrator Pat Smith said there are five active sale in the County.

B. BUDGET

Smith said they still funds left in 2025 budget to purchase a lawnmower and dock. He is not sure when the bill will come in - 2025 or 2026. It was moved by Supervisor Kellstrom and seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to approve purchase of dock and lawnmower in 2025. If it cannot be purchased in

2025 – request Audit & Budget to carry over funds into 2026 for the purchases.

C. LAWNMOWER

Discussed under “B” Budget.

D. DOCK

Discussed under “B” Budget.

E. 2026 STAFFING

Smith said because they are losing the Assistant Parks & Ski Hill position – he is not sure how they are going to staff the Ski Hill. He has a Casual Employee who can work during Christmas break – however will have to return back to college early January. They said it is important to brainstorm ways to operate it. It was moved by Supervisor Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve advertising for Casual Employees.

It was also moved by Supervisor Kellstrom and seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to ask Personnel how a Casual Employee can work for *and* get paid from multiple departments.

7. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith said there is still a person living at a residence in Tipler. He will not move forward with Land Sales until they are gone.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette said we need to continue to brainstorm how to provide services.

Supervisor Sullivan would like to improve communication about the budget.

9. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mills at 4:55 PM.

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