

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
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 ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (via phone)

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

ABESENT OR EXCUSED:

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 Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of October 9, 2024 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ann Drewa asked for clarification on a road that goes through her property – whether it was a county, town or county forest road and what maintenance has been done it. Administrator Smith said it was a county forest road and they try to grade at least twice per year. Work is done as needed – they try to take care of most roads in that area.

The Drewa's still have not received an updated access agreement for their property on Loon Lake. Smith said he wanted to wait until the survey of the property was complete.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said there are no personnel updates. They are working on plot cruising. There are two active in the county.

B. DNR – ANDY NAULT

There was not a DNR State Land Forester in attendance. However, Smith said the state has two active timber and three active GNA sales in the County. They continue to work on their time standard hours. The County Liaison position has not been filled yet.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Smith reported three active timber sales in the County.

B. CARBON CREDIT DISCUSSION

Smith said he has continued to work on the potential of selling carbon credits for the County. He received and agreement from the Oregon Climate Trust Agreement and sent to our attorney for review. Smith passed around a letter he received from Garbowicz with his comments. The Committee reviewed both the pros and cons of moving forward. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to have Oregon Trust come to a County Board meeting for an educational presentation. They would also like to have a financial representative there too.

C. OCCASIONAL WORKERS

Smith would like to advertise for occasional workers for potentially this ski season and for next summer. It was moved by Supervisor Sullivan and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve hiring laborers.

D. CITATIONS FOR FORESTRY & PARKS VIOLATIONS

There have been numerous power loading violations. Smith provided the Sheriffs department with videos of the violations taking place. He would like to see citations written because of the amount of damage this is doing to the landings.

7. RECREATION

A. NORTH LAKE BOAT LANDING

Smith plans on submitting a grant for the North Lake boat launch. He also passed around a letter from SECOLA – they would like to proceed as well.

B. LOON LAKE SURVEY

Smith passed around the survey he had done at Loon Lake and with the final markers in place – is ready to move forward with the road access agreement. The landowner expressed concern about the County encroaching and spray painting their fence.

8. LAND SALES

Smith said Act 207 will be run through the Audit & Budget Committee. Basically - the State changed the rules on selling tax delinquent properties. As of now – there are twelve or thirteen properties that will be taken over.

NOTE: Supervisor Sullivan left at 5:30

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith said the Keyes Lake Pavilion is 50% complete.

Smith updated the Committee on the status of the Pine River Dam. They discussed different alternatives and the pros & cons of each.

Smith said he had a lot of vacation to use by the end of the year – so he will be taking that time off.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Mills at 5:45 PM.

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