

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 – IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING
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 BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
SUSAN THEER
JOE MILLS
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
PAT SMITH
MARY PODNAR

ABSENT OR EXCUSED: Matt Brunette was excused – Susan Theer arrived at 4:07 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Roll call was taken – Matt Brunette and Susan Theer were excused.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Mills 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 Mills and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of October 11, 2023.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nutrition Educator Jeanne Richard wanted the Committee to know how much UWEX appreciates the good relationship they have with the Forestry & Parks team. Forestry & Parks are always there to help and it is appreciated.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds gave an update on USFS positions in the Florence office. There are no active sales in the County. The Rusty Red bid opening will be on November 14, 2023. Waiting for resolution to avoid a Government shutdown.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forester Tyler Wood was not in attendance.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Administrator Smith reported three active timber sales in the County.

B. ORDINANCE APPROVAL TO SEND TO COUNTY BOARD

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to approve the Chapter 19, Florence County Ordinance updates and send to County Board for approval.

7. RECREATION

A. WEST BASS BATH HOUSE UPDATE

The bathroom foundation is poured, the well is drilled, and septic is installed. The building was delivered on October 31, 2023 and set in place with a large crane.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The new camping website is live. You can create an account on it to be ready to make reservations beginning January 1, 2024.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Mills 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:19 PM.

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