

**FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020**

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL**

**FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER**

**FLORENCE, WI 54121**

**PRESENT:**

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN  
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FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR  
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR  
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY  
LARRY DZEKUTE  
SUSAN THEER  
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER  
MATT BRUNETTE  
PATRICK SMITH  
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI  
MARY PODNAR

**ABSENT 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 and all were present.

**2. APPROVAL / AGENDA**

It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda without changes.

**3. APPROVAL / MINUTES**

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

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**5. AGENCY REPORTS**

**A. USFS**

USFS District Manager Chad Kirschbaum was not in attendance.

**B. DNR – TYLER WOOD**

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood was not in attendance.

**6. COUNTY FOREST**

**A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE**

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported that there is one active timber sale in the County.

**B. 15 YEAR PLAN – UPDATE/CHANGES**

Administrator Smith said the 15 Year Plan is 90% complete. He is updating plan with DNR changes.

**C. ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

Smith passed around and discussed the plan. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Dzekute and unanimously carried to approve the Annual Florence County Forest Work Plan for 2021 and send to County Board for final approval.

**D. TRENCHING CONTRACT APPROVAL**

Smith passed around the Florence County Forest Disc Trenching Contract for the Committee to review. It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the contract.

**7. RECREATION**

**A. SKI HILL**

Smith said the department is planning to be open for the 2020-2021 ski season. The ski hill committee plans to start making snow this weekend.

**B. SNOWMOBILE CLUB AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF**

Smith updated the Committee regarding the snow club lawsuit. He would like the County to be prepared to submit an amicus curiae brief in support of the snow club. Details were discussed. It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve Smith to work on a brief if an appeal is filed and send to County Board for approval.

**C. SNOW CLUB CONTRACT**

Attorneys for the snow club and County are still working on a contract they both can agree on.

**D. LANDOWNER AGREEMENTS**

Smith wanted the Committee to be aware that the snow club's attorney wants landowner signed agreements wherever a snowmobile trail crosses the landowner's property.

**8. LAND SALES**

**A. REVIEW AND/OR APPROVE BIDS**

Smith passed around the Bid Opening Summary for the recent 2020 tax delinquent land sale. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve the high bids and send to the County Board for approval.

**9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

None

**10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

None

**11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 PM.

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