

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN / COMMITTEE MEMBER
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT (via phone)

JOE MILLS
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
HENRY SULLIVAN
CHARLES KELLSTROM
MATT BRUNETTE
ANDY NAULT
TAYOR ZIOLKOWSKI
DAN REYNOLDS

ABESENT 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 Sullivan and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as posted.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Kellstrom seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of November 13, 2024 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said the USFS is still under a hiring freeze. There will be a bid opening next week. Sales are becoming active due to the frozen weather.

B. DNR – ANDY NAULT

DNR State Land Forester Andy Nault said there were three active State Land timber sales and four active GNA sales in the County. They continue to work on the time standard hours for the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County. It sounds like Louisiana Pacific will be taking aspen again.

B. ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Ziolkowski passed around and reviewed the 2025 Annual Florence County Forest Work Plan. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to accept the 2025 Annual Work Plan and send to County Board for final approval.

7. RECREATION

A. 2024 RECREATION PLAN

Lydia Bernhoft from Bay Lake Regional Planning reviewed and made changes to the Florence County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2025 – 2030. Capital Improvement costs had not been updated and corrections were made during the meeting. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to table until next month approving the Recreation Plan until all corrections were made and a completed plan was available for review. Lydia agreed to send the updated plan so the Committee had time to review before next months meeting.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Ziolkowski said the crews have been working hard and the Keyes Peak Ski Hill is set to open December 11, 2024.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Kellstrom asked when the tree trimming at North Lake Boat Landing will begin. Ziolkowski said the Highway Department is in the area and he will remind them to move equipment to that area.

Supervisor Brunette was contacted by a cabin owner on Lamon Tanguie Road who inquired about keeping a portion of the road open. Ziolkowski said he would follow-up as it may affect the snowmobile trail.

Supervisor Sullivan would like to prompt the Pine River Dam Task Force into having a meeting to determine how to proceed forward with what the County would like to see done with the Pine River Dam.

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Mills at 4:36 PM.

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