

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
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 ASST ADMINISTRATOR
DNR – PUBLIC LAND FORESTER

ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
SUSAN THEER
JOE MILLS
MATT BRUNETTE
ERIC ANDERSON
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
TYLER WOOD

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Roll call was taken – All committee members were present.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as posted.

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of November 8, 2023 Public hearing and regular Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

Acting USFS Timber Management Assistant Eric Anderson gave an update on USFS positions in the Florence office. There are no active sales in the County. Some discussion regarding USFS gravel pits for town use was discussed.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forester Tyler Wood said there is one active sale on the Spread Eagle Barrens property.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski reported one active timber sale in the County and one potentially starting in the near future.

B. 2024 ANNUAL WORK PLAN APPROVAL TO SEND TO COUNTY BOARD

It was moved by Supervisor Theer and seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to approve the 2024 Annual Work Plan and send to County Board for approval.

7. RECREATION

A. SKI HILL

Administrator Smith informed the committee that snow making had begun however the warmer temps are not making the process easy. We are hoping to be open for Christmas vacation.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A. EASEMENT DISCUSSION

Administrator Smith informed the committee that a neighboring land owner near the County Fairgrounds property is having access issues and has asked the county for an easement to clear up the access issue. Smith followed standard procedure for these types of request and asked the owner to seek other means of access before the county would consider the easement. Smith will report back if the owner isn't able to gain access by other means.

Smith was asked by the Treasurer to assist with the Land Information Grant. Looking to spend 2022 and possibly 2023 funds for survey projects around the county.

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 November by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Smith, Administrator
Florence County Forestry and Parks