

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022
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
DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
JOE MILLS
MATT BRUNETTE
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
TYLER WOOD
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Fran Modschiedler & Susan Theer

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Supervisor Modschiedler and Theer were excused.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of November 9, 2022.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Kelstrom asked if the boat launch revenue report was broken down by boat launch site – but he was told it was not. He also inquired about the funding for the North Lake landing. Administrator Smith told him the project was on the capital improvement plan but was not funded. Kelstrom asked Smith to inform Reynolds if he does get funding.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said Silviculturalist Katie Theisen has accepted a new position – so they will be filling her position as well as others.

Getting ready to groom the Lauterman Trail for ski season.

There are five active timber sales. The Grub Hoe bid opening will be next Wednesday.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported that the department is busy working on

recon.

There is one active sale in the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County.

B. APPROVE 2023 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Smith passed out and reviewed the 2023 Annual Work Plan. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Mills and carried to approve the 2023 Florence County Forestry & Parks Annual Work Plan and send to County Board for approval.

C. SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL

Smith passed out and explained the 2023 County Forest Sustainable Forestry Grant application. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Brunette and carried to approve the FY2023 Sustainable Forestry Grant application.

7. RECREATION

A. FIREWOOD CONTRACT FOR CAMPGROUNDS

Smith did not have the contract ready yet. This was tabled until next meeting.

8. LAND SALES

A. ACCEPT BID FOR PARCELS #6 & #7

Smith passed around the bids he received for parcels #6 and #7. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Mills and carried to approve the bids for parcels #6 and #7 and send to County Board for approval.

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A. APPROVE GNA WORK CONTRACT

The GNA contract between the County and State needs to be renewed and signed. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve the GNA contract and send to Personnel for updates.

Smith and Brent DallaGrana picked up the new snow-gun which was approved for purchase with ARPA funds. They have used it for snow making at the hill and are pleased with how well it works.

The goal is to open up the ski hill on Thursday, December 22, 2022

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Theer 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:27 PM.

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