

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
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DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

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

ABSENT OR EXCUSED: Fran Modscheidler arrived at 4:02.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Fran Modscheidler was absent at the time of roll call. *(NOTE: He arrived at 4:02 PM.)*

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

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

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds was not in attendance. Administrator Smith printed off and passed around an update from Reynolds. It highlighted personnel and timber updates.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported one active timber sale in the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported three active timber sales in the County. The department is busy working on Spring timber sales.

B. 2022 BUDGET CARRYOVERS

Administrator Smith said he is still working with the Finance Manager on this.

C. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – TREE PLANTING

Smith said there are roughly 63,000 trees to plant and would like to advertise for planters. It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to approve to bid for the tree planting project.

7. RESOLUTIONS

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to approve Resolutions A – E and send to County Board.

8. RECREATION

A. FIREWOOD CONTRACT FOR CAMPGROUNDS

Smith passed around the firewood contract ad. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Mills and carried to approve ad for newspaper.

B. OCCASIONAL LABORER

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve advertising for the Occasional Laborer position.

C. USFS COOPERATOR AGREEMENT

The USFS gave Smith a new agreement for the ATV/Snow Trails located on the National Forest. Smith proposed a few changes. Once it comes back - Smith would like Corporate Council to review the agreement before it gets finalized by the County. It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler to approve Corporate Council review.

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

There will be another agreement coming from the USFS for the Resource Center building. He passed around and discussed the Bat Habitat Conservation Plan summary and its direct link to forest management. Still working on the campground website. The Outdoor Recreation Plan is expiring December 31, 2023 and Smith would like to budget for that next year. He did ask the DNR for an extension.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

11. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:30 PM.

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