

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

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
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FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
SUSAN THEER
JOE MILLS
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Matt Brunette

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Matt Brunette was excused.

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 Theer seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 8, 2023.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds updated the Committee on filling vacancies throughout the agency. The Grub Hoe sale has been signed and executed. There is one active timber sale in Florence County.

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 one active timber sales in the County.

B. 2022 BUDGET CARRYOVERS

Administrator Smith said he not met with the Finance Manager on this.

C. APPROVE BIDS FOR TREE PLANTING

Smith said they received two bids – however one was received late. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve the tree planting bid.

D. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE SPRING TIMBER SALES

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski passed around the Spring Timber Sale bids and discussed current market conditions. It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to approve advertising the Spring 2023 Timber Sales.

E. NLEB HCP APPLICATION APPROVAL

Smith passed around the Lake States Forest Management Bat Habitat Conservation Plan application. He discussed its direct link to forest management. It was moved by Supervisor Theer seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve Smith submitting an application on the County's behalf. Chairman Kelley opposed.

7. RECREATION

A. OCCASIONAL LABORER

Smith reported that he has received two applications for the Occasional Laborer position and neither were 18 years old. This means they cannot drive a County vehicle. Supervisor Theer will follow up with County Clerk Donna Trudell on County Insurance requirements.

B. WEST BASS BATHHOUSE APPROVAL TO SEND OUT FOR BIDS

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and carried to approve advertising for West Bass Lake Campground Bathhouse bids.

C. USFS COOPERATOR AGREEMENT

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

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Smith reported that the proposal for Bay Lakes to prepare the Outdoor Recreation Plan came in at \$16,215.00 The Committee would like Smith to ask Bay Lakes for a breakdown of the bill. There was discussion of possibly doing the work in-house.

The truck runs will be held this weekend.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

10. 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 February by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:54 PM.

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