

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER
DNR – WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
SUSAN THEER
JOE MILLS
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
TYLER WOOD
TOM CARLSON
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT OR EXCUSED: Ed Kelley

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Fran Modschiedler called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – Supervisor Ed Kelley was excused.

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 March 13, 2024 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dwaine and Anne Drewa brought concerns to the Committee regarding the maintenance of the road and boat launch at Loon Lake. The Committee listened to their concerns and their options for the road were discussed. Modschiedler said if it was not resolved by next month's meeting – Smith should put back on agenda.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds gave an update on positions in the Florence office. He said there were a couple active timber sales and a bid opening on April 23, 2024.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forester Tyler Wood said they had roughly 100 hours of time standards left. The State has one active sale. Fire season has been relatively slow and they have a prescribed burn coming up. Team Leader Henry Sullivan is retiring on Friday.

C. DNR – TOM CARLSON

DNR Wildlife Biologist Tom Carlson updated the Committee with the wildlife program. They just had their Spring hearing meeting. The CDAC meeting is coming up as well. Carlson has been working with the County to improve wildlife habitat. The County received a Turkey Stamp Grant for shrub planting.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski said the County has one active sale in the County.

B. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR TRUCK BIDS

Administrator Smith passed around the specifications for a 2024 truck bid. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to approve the 2024 truck advertising bid.

C. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE TIMBER SALES

Ziolkowski passed around the Spring 2024 Timber Sale bid packet. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Mills and carried to approve advertising for the Spring 2024 Timber Sales.

D. NEW POSITION

Smith passed around a job description for a Forestry and Parks Technician. This position was approved in the 2024 budget. Smith would like to send the job description to the wage consultant to determine the pay grade and then to Personnel for final approval. It was moved by Supervisor Mills and seconded by Supervisor Theer to move the Forestry and Parks Technician job description forward.

7. RECREATION

A. SKI HILL – CARPET REPLACEMENT

Smith received a quote from Gallery of Floors to replace the carpet at Keyes Peak lodge. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Theer to accept the bid to replace the lodge carpet.

B. PARK RESERVATION UPDATE

Smith said the new reservation system seems to be going good.

The Horse Trail map has been updated. Keyes Peak ski hill playground equipment has been moved. The crew has also been busy putting together playground equipment given to us from Florence Schools at Lake Emily.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The first Bay Lakes Regional Planning meeting will be next month - before our Committee meeting. Smith is still working on carbon credits.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette said the Horse Club will be putting up post for signs.

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to approve bills being

paid for the month of March by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Modschiedler at 5:25 PM.

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