

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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
DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON/STATE LAND FORESTER
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR
FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
SUSAN THEER
MATT BRUNETTE
JOE MILLS
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
TYLER WOOD (*arrived 4:21*)
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI (*arrived 4:21*)
MARY PODNAR

ABSENT OR EXCUSED: None

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Ed Kelley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – all were in attendance.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette 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 April 12, 2023.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds updated the Committee on timber sales. There are no active sales in Florence County.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported no active sales in the County. Fire season is fast approaching. There was a prescribed burn of 33 acres at LePages Overlook on the Spread Eagle Barrens.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Administrator Smith reported one active timber sales in the County. They have been busy setting up Fall timber sales.

B. 2022 BUDGET CARRYOVERS

Administrator Smith said he purchased a new lawnmower in November of 2022 and it just arrived. He is working with Finance Manager Kim Merrill to determine if he has enough money to purchase a new truck.

7. RECREATION

A. OCCASIONAL LABORER

Smith received four applications for the Occasional Laborer position and none were 18 years old. This means they cannot drive a County vehicle. He will set up interviews next week.

B. APPROVE BIDS FOR WEST BASS BATH HOUSE

Smith passed around the results for the West Bass Lake Bath house project. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Brunette and carried to approve the low bidder contingent on Coleman negotiating a price savings to stay within budget.

C. OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PLAN CONTRACT UPDATE

Smith did not have time to work on. Will be added to next months agenda.

D. OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PLAN CONTRACT UPDATE

Smith passed around the results of the 2022/2023 ski season. We had a good year. He was also pleased with how Ski Hill Manager Marvin Davis handled his first ski season.

E. APPROVAL TO BID FOR CAMPGROUND FIREWOOD

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Theer and carried to advertise for firewood bids.

8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A. WORK FROM HOME APPROVAL

Smith asked the Committee if he could grant work from home permission to the qualified people in his department. The Committee said he would have to go to Personnel for permission.

B. SKI HILL TOWER LEASE

Smith received a request from Vertical Towers asking if the County wanted to be paid off for the remainder of the tower lease on Keyes Peak. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to keep the lease as is.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler 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 Chairman Kelley at 4:29 PM.

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