

**FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 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  
PAT SMITH  
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI  
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 Mills seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 12th, 2023.

**4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Charles Kelstrom asked about the trees that were cut at the North Lake boat landing. Administrator Pat Smith told him they took down hazard trees that were hanging over the boat launch.

**5. AGENCY REPORTS**

**A. USFS**

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds updated the Committee on timber sales and campground openings. There are no active sales in Florence County. They will be looking at identifying trees to be removed on the ATV trail portion of the Grub Hoe Stewardship project next week.

**B. DNR – TYLER WOOD**

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported no active sales in the County. There will be a prescribed burn of roughly 496 acres in the Spread Eagle Barrens coming up.

**6. COUNTY FOREST**

**A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE**

Administrator Smith reported no active timber sales in the County.

**B. APPROVE TIMBER SALE BIDS**

Administrator Smith passed around the results from the Spring 2023 Timber Sale bid. It was moved by Supervisor Mills seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to approve the timber sale bids.

**7. RECREATION**

**A. WEST BASS BATH HOUSE UPDATE**

Smith is working with a local contractor to bring down the cost of the concrete work on the project. We should be able to stay within budget.

**B. OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PLAN CONTRACT UPDATE**

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

**C. APPROVAL TO BID FOR CAMPGROUND FIREWOOD**

Smith received two firewood bids. It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve the low bid for the campground firewood. Smith said he will research how much to sell it for.

**8. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Smith received an email from Finance that the mountain bike carryover funds have been taken care of. He is still waiting to find out about a new truck. He was told they wanted to see it on the capital improvement budget. There was also talk about possibly getting the Sherriff's department old vehicles. Smith is not sure this would work.

Smith said there may be an application of an 18 year for the summer occasional worker position. If so, there may be another round of interviews scheduled for next week.

**9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMENTS & CONCERNS**

None

**10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER**

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kelley at 4:31 PM.

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