

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL
FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER, FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN / COMMITTEE MEMBER
SUPERVISOR / COMMITTEE MEMBER
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
DNR – COUNTY FOREST LIAISON
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
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JOE MILLS
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
HENRY SULLIVAN
CHARLES KELLSTROM
DAN REYNOLDS – PHONE
ANDY NAULT
PAT SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI

ABESENT OR EXCUSED:

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chairman Joe Mills called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call was taken – all Supervisors were present.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 9, 2025 Committee meeting.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds gave position updates. The department is still under a hiring freeze. The staff has been busy prepping and cleaning up campgrounds and they are now open.

B. DNR – ANDY NAULT

DNR State Land Forester Andy Nault said there are no active State Land timber sales in the County. Will be advertising four sales in June. There have been 3 small fires in the county. The department has about 50 time standard hours remaining for the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Taylor Ziolkowski reported 4 active timber sale in the County.

B. SKID STEER

Discussion on the potential sale of the shared skid steer with highway. Highway is looking to potentially sell the machine and Forestry would like to keep it. This will be tabled for further discussion.

C. CARBON CREDITS

Smith passed around correspondence with Attorney Garbowicz and The Climate Trust, after a short discussion it was moved by Supervisor Sullivan seconded by Supervisor Burnette and unanimously carried to forward the recommendation to the full county board for approval to move forward with the Carbon Credit contract.

D. EQUIPMENT SALE

It was moved by Supervisor Burnette seconded by Supervisor Sullivan and unanimously carried to advertise the sale of equipment locally first in the paper and the department to set minimum bids. If some equipment does not sell to put it on WI surplus auction site.

E. APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE TIMBER SALES

It was moved by Supervisor Burnette seconded by Supervisor Modshiedler and unanimously carried to advertise the 2025 timber sales.

7. RECREATION

A. SKI HILL MAGIC CARPET

Smith informed the committee of a recent site visit from a representative that sells Magic Carpet ski lifts. It was very informative and we gained a lot of knowledge and some ideas on ways to run the ski hill.

B. BOAT LANDING SIGNAGE

Smith informed the committee of a request from the Town of Fern to install an approximately 4' x 4' sign at our boat landing. Smith declined that request and asked the Town to put up a smaller sign that would fit in or on the Kiosk that is at the landing.

C. FAIRGROUNDS & COURTHOUSE GROUNDS MTC

It was moved by Supervisor Sullivan seconded by Supervisor Burnette and unanimously carried to have the F&P department mow the grass at the Courthouse. The committee would like the Fairgrounds mowing to remain on the agenda for next month.

8. RESOURCE CENTER

A. DOT LEASE EXTENSION

It was moved by Supervisor Sullivan seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler and unanimously carried to have the Forestry Administrator sign the DOT lease extension paperwork as we would like to continue to have them in the Resource Center.

9. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

A. EMPLOYEE UPDATE

Smith informed the committee that Mat Gummin has returned to normal duties. The committee asked about Wayne Harrison, Smith stated that Wayne is out on unpaid leave of absence and Smith is not sure how

long Wayne can remain on the leave of absence. He is currently approved for a 3 month period.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

None

10. BILLS / REVENUES – FORESTRY & RESOURCE CENTER

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler and seconded by Supervisor Burnette and unanimously 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 Supervisor Mills at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Smith, Administrator
Florence County Forestry and Parks