

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, June 8, 2022

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

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

ED KELLEY
JOE MILLS
SUSAN THEER
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
TYLER WOOD
DAN REYNOLDS - PHONE
PATRICK SMITH
TAYLOR ZIOLKOWSKI
MARY PODNAR

ABESENT 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 members were present.

2. APPROVAL / AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL / MINUTES

It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modshiedler, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022 as read.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Charles Kellstrom commented about the Administrators report from the May meeting having mentioned the Spread Eagle Boat Launch and he requested the committee to have the Spread Eagle Boat Launch as an agenda item if there will be a discussion.

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said there would be 2 sales with bid openings in the near future. They are working on marking the remaining acreage on the Grub Hoe Timber Sale.

The timber marking staff out of the Eagle River office is down 3 employees and they are looking to hire a Sale Administrator out of the Eagle River office as well.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood reported one active sales in the County. Fire season has wrapped up and they had 8 fires for a total of 4.5 acres. They will advertise three timber sales on June 15, 2022. Burning on the Spread Eagle Barrens – one burn was accomplished for 191 acres.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

Assistant Administrator Ziolkowski reported two active timber sales in the County.

B. Road Use Agreement

Smith explained to the committee about a property that was up for sale and the purchaser is asking for access to the property across county forest lands. Smith handed out a map of the road to be used. It was moved by Supervisor Mills and seconded by Supervisor Brunette and unanimously carried to approve a road use agreement for Craig Brantmeier upon purchase of property within the county forest contingent upon removal of a building and sheds that were constructed on county property adjacent to the property.

C. FORESTY TECH LTE POSITION INTERVIEWS

Smith explained they have not received any applications at this time.

7. RECREATION

A. PARKS & SKI HILL MANAGER POSITION INTERVIEWS

Smith explained a timeline, and suggested Monday June 20th at 4:00. Most committee members should be able to attend.

B. COSGROVE LAKE PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Smith emailed the owner and explain the need to wrap up this issue in the near future. Has not heard back at this point.

8. LAND SALES

A. ACCEPT 2ND BID FOR PARCEL #2

Smith explained that the high bidder did not pay the remaining amount due for the property and the second bidder was contacted to see if they would still be interested in purchase at their bid amount. The second bidder did agree to honor their bid amount. Smith handed out the bid results for that parcel. It was moved by Supervisor Burnette and seconded by Supervisor Theer and unanimously carried to forward the recommendation to County Board for approval.

9. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Smith handed out a simple map of the area at Keyes Lake to be cleared for parking. The committee was in favor of moving forward with clearing the trees and leveling the area for a grassy parking area. It would benefit the ski lodge and the Keyes Lake Pavillion for parking.

Smith mentioned that he is still waiting for survey information for the Spread Eagle Boat Launch.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Chairman Kelley thanked Smith for the work on the resolution supporting the continues operation of the Pine River Dam.

Supervisor Burnette asked about if the Department had funds to help cover some signage for the Horse Trails. Ziolkowski quickly remembered that would be an eligible expense under one of our grants that we have funds left to spend.

Supervisor Modshiedler asked about the access in the County Land on Lake of Dreams. Ziolkowski spoke and said that he has not been able to make contact with the neighboring landowner for some time.

11. 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 May by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Burnette and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 PM.

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