

FLORENCE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

4:00 PM - WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022

LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM - LOWER LEVEL

FLORENCE NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER

FLORENCE, WI 54121

PRESENT:

SUPERVISOR / CHAIRMAN
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USFS TIMBER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT
FORESTRY & PARKS ADMINISTRATOR
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FORESTRY & PARKS BUSINESS MANAGER

ED KELLEY
JOE MILLS
SUSAN THEER (*arrived at 4:04 PM*)
FRAN MODSCHIEDLER
MATT BRUNETTE
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 – Susan Theer was not present.

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

Administrator Smith noted that Business Manager Mary Podnar was not in attendance for June's meeting. It was moved by Supervisor Brunette seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of June 8, 2022 with Smith's update. Supervisor Theer arrived at 4:04 PM.

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5. AGENCY REPORTS

A. USFS

USFS Timber Management Assistant Dan Reynolds said both of their timber sales sold. There will be more sales advertised in the near future. They should be done marking the remaining acreage on the Grub Hoe Timber Sale.

There are no active timber sales in the County right now.

Nate Thompson will be filling in for Silviculturist Katie Theisen while she is on detail.

Reynolds reported that Evan Miller said there will be four bridge replacements on the Nicolet Trail north of Tipler in 2024. Smith asked what bridges were to be replaced. Reynolds would report back to the Committee next month.

B. DNR – TYLER WOOD

DNR County Forest Liaison/State Land Forester Tyler Wood was not in attendance but gave an update for Smith to report. July 1, 2022 is the start of the DNR State fiscal year. Time standard commitment is 1025 hours. The State is hiring a new technician class. There are two active sales in the County.

6. COUNTY FOREST

A. TIMBER SALE UPDATE

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

B. SFI/FSC AUDIT

The SFI/FSC audit will be held August 1st – 5th. There will be a pre-audit meeting being held in Peshtigo tomorrow. Florence will be audited on Wednesday, August 3rd.

7. RECREATION

A. COSGROVE LAKE PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Smith will meet with the landowner next week. He asked Zoning Administrator Kelly Sleeter to join him.

B. NORTH LAKE LANDING UPDATE

Smith passed around and discussed the map of the survey he received from Dennis Christian. Smith sent it to Coleman Engineering for review. Charles Kellstrom asked Smith if he spoke with SECOLA regarding this survey – Smith said he has not.

C. RESERVATION SYSTEM FOR CAMPGROUNDS AND ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Smith is researching an “on-line” reservation system. The webpage development for the base level would be roughly \$12,000 – each add on service would be additional money. Smith felt the total cost would be around \$24,000 He will look to see if there are any ARPA funds available for this. He would like a representative from the website company to give a presentation to the Committee.

D. PARKS AND SKI HILL MANAGER POSITION UPDATE

Smith received two applicants for the Parks & Ski Hill Manager position. Applicant #1 turned down the position. Applicant #2 accepted the job and will begin work on Monday, July 25, 2022.

8. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Smith updated the Committee regarding another request for a road use agreement on the County Forest. The current access in on County Forest land. They wanted easements – Smith said the County does not grant easements. The road use agreement that was approved last week by Buckskin Lake still had the pole building on it. Smith will not give the agreement until it is removed. There has been an effort made to remove the structure on the part of the owner.

Smith spoke with the County fill-in CPA regarding how the Carbon Credit process would work. She had good ideas. Smith will bring back a worksheet to explain how the County could make this work.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER’S COMENTS & CONCERNS

Supervisor Brunette asked if there was any updates on the Keyes Lake property from the USFS. Smith still has not heard from them.

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 June by Forestry and Parks and the Florence Natural Resource Center.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Modschiedler seconded by Supervisor Mills and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM.

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