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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry and Recreation Committee
Date: November 16, 2023
Time: 4:30 PM
Location: Conference Room – Forestry Building

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM
2. Roll call was conducted
3. Silence cell phones.

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Name	Role	Status
John Medo	Chair	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Vice-Chair	Present
Roger Buck	Member	Present
Todd Mayr	Member	Present
Ben Pierce	Member	Present

Non- Committee Members Present

Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Al Murray	Forest Administrator	Jason Polley	Recreation Coordinator
Rick Dedeyne	Forestry	Wes Phillips	DNR
Jason Hilger	County Administrator	Doug Curler	County Board Supervisor
Robin Stowe	Corporation Counsel	Keri Beck	Economic Development
Joe Jopek	Ice Age Alliance	Judy Nagel	County Clerk/Recording Secretary
Tim Jacobs	Range Volunteer		

4. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Approve previous meeting minutes of October 11, 2023: Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to approve the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas: No public comment.
7. Partner Reports (DNR, EDC, Trail Clubs, Others): Keri Beck, Economic Development, discussed prepping the Welcome Center for the Holidays, Mammoth Hike Challenge completed, Channel 9 commercials, 2024 Recreation Map, booth at AMS Family Night, attended the Fall Tourism Conference, working with ITBEC at the Green Bay RV Show, amongst many other activities. Wes Phillips, WI DNR, working on Spring Sales and storm salvage close outs. Phillips also gave a Wildlife Staff update noting a 27% increase in deer harvest, with tags still available, earlier gun season and no updates on CWD. Phillips stated that there is a higher fire danger due to the wind and no snow. Joe Jopek, Ice Age Alliance stated that there were over 100 in attendance for the 50th Ice Age Anniversary Celebration and that the Mammoth Challenge had record attendance. No other Partner Reports.
8. Forest Administrator's Report – Discussion to be carried through Agenda: Handout provided and followed throughout the meeting.
9. Timber Sales:

Central Wisconsin Lumber Request for Statement of Completion without penalty: Forest Administrator Murray and Forester Rick Dedeyne discussed the 2014 Sale Contract, #1372-14. Dedeyne viewed the location of the sale, about two-thirds complete. The contractor is requesting the sale be marked complete, Dedeyne noted there is still a substantial amount of stumpage, along with brush to cut. Discussion held. Motion by Pierce, second by Balcerzak to require #1372-14 be completed by April 1, 2024 at the current price or take the \$13,293.75 Performance Bond. All ayes, motion carried.

2023 Fall Sales Location Map- Discussion Only: Forest Administrator Murray gave each Committee member a copy of the Sale Location Map for the 2023 Fall Sales.

2023 Fall Sales Quick Review of Packet information- packet available: Forest Administrator Murray discussed the 11 proposed sales, the low volumes, the winter logging. Bid are due December 6, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. at the Forestry Office.

10. **2024 Restrooms – Request for Bids:** Rec Coordinator Polley provided the Committee with a bid report for the three restrooms. Discussion held.

Fairgrounds Restroom: The Committee discussed the size of the restroom to be placed at the Fairgrounds. Motion by Buck, second by Mayr to approve the bid for a Huffcut, \$169,145, to be ordered for a Spring 2024 delivery. All ayes, motion carried.

Jack Lake North Trailhead and South Shore Group Site: Discussion on the location and the funding of the restrooms for Jack Lake North Trailhead and South Shore Group Site. Motion by Buck, second by Mayr to approve the bid for two Huffcut restrooms, \$68,300, to be ordered for a Spring 2024 delivery. All ayes, motion carried.

11. **Bow and Gun Range Issues: Notices of Violation for Code of Conduct and Volunteer Agreements and ID Badges:** Forest Administrator Murray and Range Volunteer Jacobs discussed the issues that are occurring at the Bow and Gun Range. Murray stated attendees have become rude, belligerent, possibly issuing citations to those not following policy. Murray thanked the three volunteers at the Range, noting the large number of people in attendance last weekend. Murray will get badges for the volunteers, provide them training along with signed volunteer agreements. Jacobs stated NRA training will be enforced at the Range. Information only.

12. **2023 Wolf River State Trail Resolution, possible approval of Committee for Board to send letter to legislators to request DNR action on the County Resolution, which was never received:** Forest Administrator shared a proposed letter, to be signed by the Committee, to be sent to the WI DNR. Murray has received numerous letters in support of ATV use on the Wolf River State Trail. Discussion on the letter to be sent to the Wisconsin DNR. Motion by Buck, second by Mayr to approve the revised letter to the WI DNR, requesting action on the adopted Langlade County Resolution. All ayes, motion carried.

13. **Policy Changes for 2024:** Discussion only.

Chapter 16 Ordinance Amendments: Murray and staff have been reviewing Ordinance Chapter 16, which when done, will need to go to the County Board for adoption of the changes.

Firewood Permit, new permit is in Packet: Permit will be on line, with instructions.

Balsam Bough Collection Permit, new permit is in Packet: Permit will be on line, along with mapping for locations.

Christmas Tree Permit, new permit is in Packet: Permit on line, providing the restrictions as to where to cut Christmas Trees on County Land.

Annual Shoot Range Permit, new permit is in Packet: Permit will be on line, along with Code of Conduct that is included in Ordinance Chapter 16.

Motion by Pierce, second by Buck to excuse Mayr at 5:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

14. **2024 Work Plan:** Forest Administrator Murray will prepare the 2024 Work Plan, which will need to be approved by the Committee and Board. The 2024 Work Plan will assist with grant applications.

15. **Fronek Land Acquisition:** Documents are being finalized, with signing to occur within the next two weeks.

- 16. 2023 Accomplishment Report:** Forest Administrator Murray will draft the report and present the report to the Committee and Board.
- 17. Code Chapter 8 – Motorized Recreation Ordinance:** Forest Administrator Murray is working with Town Boards to obtain their ordinances, to compile the Town Ordinances into Langlede County Ordinance Chapter 8.
- 18. Land Sales:** Forest Administrator Murray updated the Committee on the recent activities for Land Sales: County Road B Lot 3 sold for \$28,500; County Road K (5 acres) sold for \$20,000; County Road A Lot 3 and Outlot 1 for \$36,900. Discussion on the Moose Lake Lots, no action taken.
- 19. Park and Recreation Coordinator Report:** Park and Rec Coordinator Polley submitted a written report, highlighting the Facility Revenue for 2022 & 2023. Discussion held. Public Gates were moved at Camp Susan and Kettlebowl. Chairman Medo discussed the summer maintenance on the Jack Lake Cross Country Ski Trails.
- 20. Campground and Parks Manager Report:** Forest Administrator Murray stated Lazars is working on the Jack Lake Ski Trail signing/re-signing along with mapping the Jack Lake Trails.
- 21. County Administrator – Update and Report on Activities/Grants:** County Administrator Hilger stated that Murray keeps the Committee informed, good communication. Hilger also discussed the budget for 2023.
- 22. Next Meeting Date:** December 6, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the Forestry Conference Room.
- 23. Adjourn the meeting:** Agenda completed, meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
Judy Nagel, County Clerk/Recording Secretary.