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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry and Recreation Committee
Date: August 6, 2024
Time: 3:00 PM
Location: Highway Department Conference Room

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

1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM
2. Silence cell phones
3. Conduct Roll Call

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Name	Role	Status
Steve Maier	Chair	Present
John Medo	Vice-Chair	Present
Roger Buck	Member	Present
Rick Bina	Member	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present

Non-Committee Members Present

Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Al Murray	Forestry, Parks and Rec. Admin.	Roy Dieck	County Board Supervisor
Jason Hilger	County Administrator	Wes Phillips	DNR
Keri Beck	Economic Development	Beth Wagner	Pres. Jack Lake Silent Sports
Joe Jopek	Ice Age Trail Alliance	Judy Nagel	County Clerk/Rec. Secretary

4. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of July 3, 2024:** Motion by Medo, second by Buck to approve the July 3, 2024 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Public requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas: DNR Dam Divestment:** Forest Administrator Murray explained to the Committee what the DNR is doing with some of the dams in Langlade County, noting that there are 22 dams on Langlade County Land, with 9 proposed to remove. More discussion on a future agenda.
7. **Partner Reports (DNR, EDC, Trail Clubs, Others):** Keri Beck, Economic Development discussed the Welcome Center attendance, marketing to go spots, advertising in the Up North Action Magazine and Trail Tails. Beck noted that the marketing map distribution is going well. Discussion held. Beth Wagner, Silent Sports, discussed the bike summit, festivities with Iron Bull event in September, mountain bike racing in the Spring, and working on a new website launch. Joe Jopek, Ice Age Alliance, stated the Ice Age Mammoth Hike started in 2020 and Antigo is one of 20 Ice Age Trail Communities in the State. Discussion on the glacier lobes in Langlade County. Wes Phillips, WI DNR, discussed the July 18, 2024 Annual Partnership Meeting, looking ahead to next year projects such as road improvement projects, forest regeneration, dealing with Oak Wilt. No other Partner Reports.
8. **Forest Administrator's Report – Discussion to be carried through Agenda:** Handout provided and followed throughout the meeting. Murray noted that the office assistant started and the Forestry, Park and Rec Maintenance Specialist is in progress to fill this vacancy.

- 9. Reorganization of Duties and Job Descriptions:** Forest Administrator Murray noted that his office is working with Administration and H/R on the duties and job descriptions.
- 10. 2025 SFI Forest Certification Audit:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed what a Forest Certification Audit entails, noting that this will happen in 2025. Information only.
- 11. 2025 Budgets: Capital Projects:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the following proposed 2025 Capital Projects:
 Electrification at Perch Lake Campground
 Hand Pump Wells (2) at Perch Lake
 Gartzke Bridge replacement
 Jack Lake Pavement Repair and Road Widening
 Multiple Rec Area Signs
 Rec Area Directional Road Signs
 Fronek Farms Rec Area Parking Lot
 Discussion held. No action taken.
- 12. 2025 Budgets: Capital Equipment:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the following proposed 2025 Capital Equipment:
 Forestry: Side by Side Trailer Replacement and 4-Wheeler Replacement
 Parks and Rec: Tilt Bucket Attachment and Harley Rake Attachment for Skid-steer, Lease Truck Replacement, and Fuel Tank and Pump
 Discussion held. No action taken.
- 13. 2025 Operational Budgets:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the 2025 Operational Budget. No action taken.
- 14. Fairgrounds:**
Hockey Club Bleacher Project: Forest Administrator Murray discussed the request from the Antigo Area Youth Hockey Association to purchase and install permanent, retractable bleachers for the Multi-Purpose Building, using the same footprint as the current bleachers, allowing for easier access to seating for events. Discussion held. Motion by Balcerzak, second by Buck to approve the project of permanent, retractable bleachers in the Multi-Purpose Building, pending the approval of the Public Property Committee. All ayes, motion carried.
2024/2025 Events Update: Forest Administrator Murray discussed the Fairground Events for 2024/2025: Gun Show, Flea Market, Off-Road Races, County Fair, Trappers Association, Fairboard Races, Friday Night Races, and Maker's Market/Food Truck Day. Murray has made contact with each entity, reviewing contracts, and checking with displaced entities due to scheduling conflicts. Discussion on rates for civic, non-profit, and commercial. Murray will review the policy wording.
- 15. 2024 Project Status Update:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the status of the budgeted projects for 2024: Fairgrounds Restrooms, Charles de Langlade Park, VMP, Jack Lake Campground, Shooting Range, Fairgrounds Clover Room switching that funding to metal storage container at the Fairgrounds, Turkey Stamp Grant Program, Rec Trail Projects that includes 2 bridges out on RFB, Nickel Per Acre DNR Project and Bogus Swamp Natural Area Sign. Discussion held.
- 16. Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Trails:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the signed agreement with the Club for official Jeep Trails with permits required, and rules established, with the Club sponsoring and managing the trails in the Crocker Hills off of Sherry Road.
- 17. Tombstone-Pickerel Snowmobile Club Building Update:** Forest Administrator Murray stated that the Tombstone-Pickerel building is complete, noting that the building will be used by the Club, on County Land. Discussion held.
- 18. County Administrator Update and Report on Activities/Grants:** County Administrator Hilger stated Murray provides the Committee with a complete update, has a good team, and is a good team leader.
- 19. Next Meeting Date:** August 28, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in the Highway Conference Room.

20. Adjourn the Meeting: Motion by Medo, second by Buck to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

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