

**FORESTRY AND PARKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 9, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Forestry and Parks Committee was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Forestry and Parks Office. Those present were: Don Evenson, Bill Cornell, Gary Olson, Charles Jensen, Norm Stoker, Jim Zahasky, John Schweitzer and Carolyn Scott.

Chairman Bill Cornell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Motion made by Don Evenson, seconded by Chuck Jensen to approve the minutes from the last meeting. All members voted in favor.

Motion made by Gary Olson, seconded by Norm Stoker to approve the bills as presented for payment. All members voted in favor.

Motion made by Norm Stoker, seconded by Chuck Jensen to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1) (e) to conduct public business with competitive or bargaining implications. All members voted in favor.

Motion made by Don Evenson, seconded by Gary Olson to reconvene into open session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (2). All members voted in favor. Time 9:05 a.m.

Motion made by Gary Olson, seconded by Don Evenson to extend the contract with Milestone Materials to 2012. Proposed changes and amendments were discussed and recommendations were made. A final agreement will be brought back to the meeting in March. All members voted in favor.

Chamber of Commerce Report: No report.

DNR Report: Russ Kind – Emergency Fire Warden list was reviewed and paperwork signed by Bill Cornell.

Forestry Report:

Jim informed that he has talked with Gary Ewert and Gary inquired asked if a land trade could be made so he would not have to move his shed which is on county property. After further discussion the committee did not want to pursue a trade and wished to follow through on the motion made the previous month for moving the shed. Jim will inform Mr. Ewert.

Jim informed some of the recon layer mapping is not correct. Therefore the county has cut approximately 3 ½ acres of timber that was not county owned. Committee felt we should discuss this with Skolos and resolve the matter with his recommendations.

There are several logging contractors who are Master Loggers working in Jackson County. Previously it was discussed as to how we can recognize these loggers. Jim proposed that we pay the \$25.00 permit that is required to use certain road while cutting timber in the Township of Komensky. Motion was made by Don Evenson, seconded by Norm Stoker to approve paying the \$25.00 fee as proposed. All members voted in favor.

Tree Planting bids were reviewed. Motion was made by Chuck Jensen to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Northwoods at a price of \$50.00 per 1000. The other bid was from Superior for \$56.00 per 1000. The motion was seconded by Norm Stoker with all members voting in favor.

The posting for the secretarial position has been posted for union members. Posting will come down on 2/15/10.

Motion made by Don Evenson, seconded by Chuck Jensen to approve 10 hour days for 3 or 4 employees of the department. All members voted in favor.

Jim attended a meeting with Lambert Forest Products regarding Biomass as an alternative energy source.

Parks & Trails Report

Jon informed committee about projects and work being done in the parks. New toilet building bids should be available next month. Discussion regarding legislation for ATV and snow recreational activities and law enforcement issues.

While working to resolve a matter with the old railroad grade by the DNR building it was found that Jackson County does own a portion of the grade. We have owned it since 1988 but the deed was never filed. We will get a copy of the deed from the railroad and get it recorded.

Motion was made by Norm Stoker, seconded by Chuck Jensen to approve Forestry and Parks reports as presented. All members voted in favor.

Motion was made by Norm Stoker, seconded by Chuck Jensen to adjourn. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Next regular meeting date: March 9, 2010.

These minutes will be approved at the March meeting.