

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am, on Tuesday April 14, 2014. Those present were: Merlin Fredrickson, John Chrest, Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

Chairman Merlin Fredrickson called the regular meeting to order at 8:30am

Motion made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest approve the minutes from the previous meeting, all members voted in favor.

Motion made by John Chrest, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the bills as presented for payment. All members voted in favor.

DNR Report: Cody Caulum was present at the meeting to approve list of fire permit distributors. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the list, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Forestry Report:

Jim requested permission to advertise for the spring 2015 Timber Sales. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to go forward with advertising the 17 sales covering approximately 907 acres; the motion was seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Jim also presented 5 moss sales totaling \$3,300.00 and covering 71 acres. A motion as was made by John Chrest to approve advertising the moss sales, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Changes to the mossaing contract were reviewed. Jim requested that extensions be changed to 25% after 2 years of no activity. The extension would be granted for 12 months only. Safety language was also added for the Contractor following OSHA regulations. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the changes; the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

The Committee had previously reviewed the Timber Sale contract after changes were requested. A motion to approve the finalized Timber Sale contract was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

A Driveway Permit request to use approximately 50 feet of County property to access land owned by Mathy Construction was reviewed. A motion as made by Karen Thayer, seconded by John Chrest to approve the driveway permit. All members voted in favor.

Mark and Craig Seaman were present at the meeting on behalf of Timberland Investment Services and Meteor Investment Corp. Recently 54,000 acres of Plum Creek Property was purchased and approximately 900 acres was going to be test drilled to analyze for possible viable sand. A request was made to drill on County property to see if there was a possible vein of sand. Sand mining was not being proposed, this would simply be to test drill and analyze the sand. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve test drilling at the expense of Timberland Investment Services. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer. Norman Stoker, Merlin Fredrickson, John Chrest and Karen Thayer were in favor of the motion, Jerrold Schmidt voted in opposition to the motion.

Jim presented to the Committee a list of sales that will be expiring in May and June 2015. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the list of sale that are up for extension and apply penalties. Under the condition the sales have been harvested the penalty will not apply.

Laura Delaney was present at the meeting requesting a 6 month extension on a sale that needs to be cut during winter conditions. A motion was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker to approve the extension with no penalty. All members voted in favor.

Shane Begley on behalf of BWC (Begley Wireless Consulting Services, LLC) was present at the meeting to request 4 possible site locations for a 190 foot cell tower. The tower would be free standing with no lights secured. The tower would consist of a 55 year lease broken down into 5 year increments approved up to \$700.00 a month. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to approve all 4 possible site locations; the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor with the exception of Jerrold Schmidt who was in opposition to the motion.

Parks & Trails Report:

Jon presented to the Committee the monthly report. A grant in the amount of \$100,000 was received to control aquatic invasive species at Wazee Lake. The new Trail Foremen, Chris Repking, also started on April 13. A break-in was reported at Wazee Lake, no cash was taken. Because of this a new door will be installed at the contact station.

Jon recently applied for \$60,000 in ATV grants. Work is being finished up on the Ott trail and Pray Ranger Station relocation trail. Jon will also be applying for the balance of the underpass located on east Hwy 54. Grading of the ATV trails will start shortly.

Jon requested a motion be made to approve the hiring of the Parks Seasonal employees. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to approve the seasonal park hires within budget parameters. The motion as seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Chief Deputy Mark Moen was present on behalf of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department K9 Unit. The Sheriff's Department currently has 4 dogs and a fundraiser supporting the K9 Unit will be taking place at Woods and Meadows to support their efforts. Chief Deputy Moen requested the Parks Department donate camping and park passes to be used as raffle items for the fundraiser. A motion was made by John Chrest to donate 2 seasonal park passes and 2 weekend stays. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Recently changes were made to Chapter 13 Tree Stand Ordinance. One change was made stating that only 1 tree stand could be put up per DNR customer number. All other stands and ground blinds must be removed at the end of hunting hours. The motion was made by Karen Thayer to approve the changes to Chapter 13 with these additions. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned to Wazee Lake County Park for a tour.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12: 30pm was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm

Next regular meeting date: May 12, 2015

These minutes will be approved at the May meeting