

**STATUTORY SESSION
of the
JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

April 19, 2016

The Statutory Session of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M., on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Jackson County Courthouse in the County Board Room by Corporation Counsel, Paul Millis.

County Clerk, Kyle Deno, took roll call with 18 members present and 1 member absent (Supervisor Greendeer-Rave).

District 1 – Karen Thayer
District 2 – Alton Staff
District 3 – Hoyt Strandberg
District 4 – Roger Stevens
District 5 – Thomas Clark
District 6 – Larry Blaken
District 7 – Charles Jensen
District 8 – Max Hart
District 9 – Ray Ransom
District 10 – Tom Reid
District 11 – Michelle Greendeer-Rave
District 12 – Ron Carney
District 13 – Norman Stoker
District 14 – John Chrest
District 15 – Joe Hunter
District 16 – Grady Gutknecht
District 17 – Jeff Amo
District 18 – Jerrold Schmidt
District 19 – Danny Iverson

Supervisor Iverson led the County Board in a moment of reflection.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Supervisor Greendeer-Rave arrived at 9:05 A.M.

Judge Becker administered the Oath of Office to all of the elected Supervisors.

ELECTIONS

Chairman – Supervisor Jensen nominated Jeff Amo. Supervisor Stevens nominated Ray Ransom. Corporation Counsel, Paul Millis asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Ransom made a motion to vote by ballot.

This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. All voted Aye by voice vote. Ballots were cast with:

Jeff Amo – 8
Ray Ransom – 11

Ray Ransom was declared the winner of the Chairman position.

1st Vice-Chairman - Supervisor Thayer nominated Jeff Amo. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Chrest made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Amo. This was seconded by Supervisor Gutknecht. All voted Aye by voice vote.

Jeff Amo – 19

Jeff Amo was declared the winner of the 1st Vice-Chairman position.

2nd Vice-Chairman – Supervisor Stevens nominated Ron Carney. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Chrest made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ron Carney. This was seconded by Supervisor Blaken. Ballots were cast with:

Ron Carney – 19

Ron Carney was declared the winner of the 2nd Vice-Chairman position.

Highway Committee - 5 members – 3 elected - 2 appointed

For first elected position Supervisor Amo nominated Charles Jensen. Supervisor Strandberg nominated Danny Iverson. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Ballots were cast with:

Charles Jensen – 14
Danny Iverson – 5

Charles Jensen was declared winner of the first position on the Highway Committee.

For the second elected position Supervisor Chrest nominated Jeff Amo. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Thayer made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff Amo. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. All voted Aye by voice vote.

Jeff Amo – 19

Jeff Amo was declared winner of the second position on the Highway Committee.

For the third elected position Supervisor Carney nominated Larry Blaken. Chairman Ransom asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Supervisor Amo made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Larry Blaken. This was seconded by Supervisor Jensen. All voted Aye by voice vote.

Larry Blaken – 19

Larry Blaken was declared winner of the third position on the Highway Committee.

Chairman Ransom asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the previous meeting. Supervisor Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes and

this was seconded by Supervisor Stevens. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4-2016

JACKSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LAND PURCHASE

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Highway Department operates a highway maintenance facility in the Town of Northfield; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has the opportunity to purchase 10 acres+- of land adjacent to said maintenance facility; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of said land would provide opportunity for future Highway Department facility improvements and provide much needed additional area for current highway operations; and

WHEREAS, Lu Smith has agreed to sell 10 acres +- located in SW Corner of the NW Corner, Section 22, T23N-R6W, Town of Northfield, Jackson County, WI; and

WHEREAS, Lu Smith (landowner) is willing to accept \$6,000 per acre; with the agreement that Highway Department install a fence across the new property line, provide a survey of said property, and pay all closing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Highway Department Fund Balance has funds for 100% (\$62,500.00) of the cost; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves the purchase of the 10 acres +- parcel at a cost of \$6,000 per acre, plus survey, installation of a new fence and closing costs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jackson County Clerk has the authority to sign documents to complete the transactions on behalf of Jackson County.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2016.

Jackson County Highway Committee:

s/Jeffrey Amo, Chairman
Merlin Fredrickson
s/Dennis Eberhardt
s/Larry Blaken
s/Charles Jensen

Executive & Finance Committee:

s/Dennis Eberhardt, Chairman
s/Jeffrey Amo
s/Roger Stevens
s/Ron Carney
s/Ray Ransom

Supervisor Amo made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Jensen. Randy Anderson, Highway Commissioner, was present for questions

and gave background information on this resolution. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 18-4-2016

TO: The Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors

RE: File Request for Waiver From State Mandate Pursuant to Section 66.0143-Mandate to Provide Certain Audit Reports Concerning Human Services Purchase of Care and Services Contracts Under Sections 46.036 and 49.34

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes 46.036 and 49.34 prescribes the manner in which the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services may authorize and contract for client care and services; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 46.036(4)(C) and 49.34(4)(c) provides that contracts with providers must include a provision that requires providers to, as a condition of reimbursement, provide the county, as purchaser, with a certified financial and compliance audit report if the care and services exceeds \$25,000, unless said state mandate is waived by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 46.036(5m)(f) and 49.34(5m)(f) requires, among things, providers to provide to any purchaser and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families any audit reports to any purchaser and the department according to standards specified in the provider's contract and any other standards that the department may prescribe; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services presently contracts annually with 15 to 20 providers that are paid between \$25,000 and \$100,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 66.0143, allows a county to apply for and to receive a waiver from those state mandates which do not relate to health or safety; and

WHEREAS, said waivers are effective for four (4) years and may be renewed for additional 4 – year periods; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of Jackson County and the clients served by the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a waiver of the state mandates set forth in Wis. Stat. 46.03(5m)(f) and 49.34(5m)(f), such that only those contracts with the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services for the purchase of care and services that exceed \$100,000 will require providers to provide the County audit reports; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with Wis. Stat. 66.0143(2)(a)1. and 2., the Jackson County Board of Supervisors authorize the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services to file an application for waiver of state mandate of the audit requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. 46.036(4)(c) and (5m)(f) and 49.34(4)(c) and (5m)(f) on all purchase of care and services contracts through the Health and Human Services Department, that are less than \$100,000, instead of \$25,000 or more.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in adopting this resolution, the Jackson County Board of Supervisors certifies that mandate for which the application of the waiver it authorizes does not relate to “health” or “safety” as such terms are used in Wis. Stat. 66.0143(2)(a)1. and 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services and the Jackson County Clerk are directed to collaborate to forward to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Department of Children and Families a certified copy of this resolution and the necessary application for Local appeal for Exemption from State Mandates on this day April 19th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

DHHS Committee
s/Joe Hunter
s/Melissa Bergerson
s/Ron Carney
s/John Chrest
s/Roger Stevens
s/Gary Olson
s/Ellen Moldenhauer

Executive/Finance Committee
s/Dennis Eberhardt
s/Jeff Amo
s/Roger Stevens
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney

Supervisor Amo made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Stevens. Heather Holcomb, Human Services, Business Services Manager, was present for questions. Discussion took place. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-4-2016

TO: HONORABLE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RE: REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

WHEREAS, Jackson County Child Support has been invited to attend the 2016 National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) Annual Leadership Symposium that would provide a platform where new child support policies are considered prior to implementation, and;

WHEREAS, Jackson County Child Support is currently a member of the Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association (WCSEA) and has received a scholarship for to cover the cost of the NCSEA membership and the symposium registration fee totaling \$675 and;

WHEREAS, Jackson County Personnel Policy 4.06 (4)E – Out of Area Travel states; “For travel outside a 300 mile radius of Black River Falls, conventions and activities at the County’s expense must be given prior approval by the County Board of Supervisors”, and;

WHEREAS, this training is to held on July 31 through August 3, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services Board is requesting permission from the Jackson County Board of Supervisors for Laurie Goetzka to attend the out of state training, to include days necessary for travel time, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Honorable Jackson County Board of Supervisors approves Laurie Goetzka to attend the aforementioned 2016 National Child Support Enforcement Association Annual Leadership Symposium on this day, April 19th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

DHHS Committee
s/Joe Hunter
s/Melissa Bergerson
s/Ron Carney
s/John Chrest
s/Roger Stevens
s/Gary Olson

Executive/Finance Committee
s/Ellen Moldenhauer

s/Dennis Eberhardt
s/Jeff Amo
s/Roger Stevens
s/Ray Ransom
s/Ron Carney

Supervisor Stevens made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. Laurie Goetzka, Human Services, Child Support Manager, was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

RESOLUTION 20-4-2016

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING
WITHDRAWAL OF COUNTY, CITY, VILLAGE, TOWN OR
SCHOOL DISTRICT MONEYS**

(Not for use by City or County of Milwaukee.)

County of Jackson – Special Fund, Wisconsin.

RESOLVED, that **Jackson County Bank** (the “Financial Institution”), qualified as a public depository under Ch. 34, Wis. Stats., is hereby designated as a depository in which the funds of this Municipality may from time to time be deposited; that the following described account(s) be opened and maintained in the name of this Municipality with the Financial Institution subject to the rules and regulations of the Financial Institution from time to time in effect; that the person(s) and the number thereof designated by title opposite the following designation of account(s) is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of this Municipality, to sign order checks as provided in §66.0607(3), Wis. Stats., for payment or withdrawal of money from said account(s) and to issue instructions regarding the same and to endorse for deposit, negotiation, collection or discount by the Financial Institution any and all checks, drafts, notes, bills, certificates of deposit or other instruments or orders for the payment of money owned or held by said Municipality; that the endorsement for deposit may be in writing, by stamp, or otherwise, with or without designation of signature of the person so endorsing; and that any officer, agent or employee of this Municipality is hereby authorized to make oral or written requests of the Financial Institution for the transfer of funds or money between accounts maintained by this Municipality at the Financial Institution.

Name or Type of Account	Number of Signatures Required	Type or Print Titles of Authorized Persons
1. CD#31003	2	KYLE DENO, JOANNE FORSTING-LEONARD, MARY K JOHNSON, TABITHA A CHONKA-MICHAUD
2. CD#31009	2	KYLE DENO, JOANNE FORSTING-LEONARD, MARY K JOHNSON, TABITHA A CHONKA-MICHAUD

This Resolution includes all of the provisions on page 2.

This is to Certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolutions duly and legally adopted by the governing body of the Municipality at an open legal meeting held on April 19, 2016, and said resolutions are now in full force and effect.

Signed and sealed this 19th day of April 2016
s/Kyle Deno, (Clerk)

The undersigned member of the governing body not authorized to sign order checks certifies that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution passed as therein set forth.

s/Ray Ransom
Title: County Board Chairman

Supervisor Amo made a motion to adopt this resolution. This was seconded by Supervisor Thayer. Kyle Deno, County Clerk, was present for questions. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Supervisor Carney made a motion to temporarily suspend the rules and read the following Zoning Petition changes only one time. This was seconded by Supervisor Hunter. Voice vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-14
TOWN OF ADAMS**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-14 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Bert Cartrette on the day of March 7, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District and the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District.

On property known as Lot 2 of CSM 3623 located in the NW1/4-NW1/4, Section 29, T22N, R4W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 39 acres of the Official Zoning Map as follows: 1.5 acres from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the R-2 (Residential) District and 37.5 acres from the A-1 (Agriculture) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District. This will allow for the placement of a cabin at the site.

Located in the Town of Adams, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Chrest to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Strandberg. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-16
TOWN OF CLEVELAND**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-16 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Joshua Rogstad on the day of March 14, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property known as Lot 1 of CSM 994 located in the SW1/4-SW1/4, Section 29, T24N, R5W, Town of Cleveland, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 3 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District for the placement of a habitable dwelling unit.

Located in the Town of Cleveland, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Stoker to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Gutknecht. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-17
TOWN OF KNAPP**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-17 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Kenneth A Dean on the day of March 14, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R-6 (Rural Residential) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-NE1/4, Section 7, T20N, R1W, Town of Knapp, Jackson County, WI. The request is to change 3 acres of the Official Zoning Map from the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the

R-6 (Rural Residential) District. This will update the zoning for the proposed new home.

Located in the Town of Knapp, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Carney to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Iverson. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-19
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-19 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jackson County Zoning Department for Allen Cranberry on the day of March 23, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NW1/4-SW1/4, and the SW1/4-SW1/4, Section 25 and the NE1/4-SE1/4, and the SE1/4-SE1/4, Section 26, all in T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to revert 106 acres zoned in the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District back to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District for cranberry operations. This is due to inactivity in non-metallic mining operations and non-permitted from the WI-DNR.

Located in the Town of Bear Bluff, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved with township approval.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Stevens to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-20
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-20 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jackson County Zoning Department for Callaway Cranberry on the day of March 23, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NE1/4-NE1/4, east ½ of the SE1/4- NE1/4, west half of the SE1/4-NE1/4, the NE1/4-SE1/4, the SW1/4-SE1/4, and the SE1/4-SE1/4, Section 33; and the SW1/4-NW1/4, Section 34, all in T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to revert 174 acres zoned in the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District back to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District for cranberry operations. This is due to inactivity in non-metallic mining operations.

Located in the Town of Bear Bluff, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved with township approval.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Iverson to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Chrest. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-21
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-21 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jackson County Zoning Department for Famco LLC on the day of March 23, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District on the following described lands:

On property located in Government Lot 14 except the west 100 feet of the north 330 feet, Government Lot 13 except the west 100 feet of the north 330 feet, the NW1/4-SE1/4, the SW1/4-SE1/4, the SE1/4-SW1/4 except 3 acres for the road right-of-way and except approximately the west 100 feet, the NE1/4-SW1/4 except approximately the west 100 feet, Government Lot 3 lying west of Hay Creek excluding the north 660 feet and west 660 feet, Government Lot 4, that part of Government Lot 5 lying west of Hay Creek, that part of the NW1/4-NE1/4 lying west of Hay Creek, the NE1/4-NW1/4 and the NW1/4-NW1/4, all in Section 1, T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to revert 395.22 acres zoned in the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District back to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District for cranberry operations. This is due to inactivity in non-metallic mining operations and no conditional use permit being issued.

Located in the Town of Bear Bluff, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved with township approval.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Iverson to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Carney. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-22
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-22 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jackson County Zoning Department for Premiere Partners IV LP on the day of March 23, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the NE1/4 except 6 acres for residence, SW1/4 except 6 acres for residence, north half of the SE1/4, and the SE1/4-SE1/4, Section 13, the west half of the SW1/4-SW1/4, the SE1/4-SW1/4, and the south half of the SE1/4, Section 14; the SE1/4-SW1/4, and the south half of the SE1/4, Section 15; the NE1/4, the NE1/4-NW1/4, the SE1/4-NW1/4, the NE1/4-SW1/4 except 3 acres for residence and the north half of the SE1/4, Section 22; the NE1/4, the NE1/4-NW1/4, the east half of the NW1/4-NW1/4, the SE1/4-NW1/4, the east half of the SW1/4-NW1/4, the east half of the NW1/4-SW1/4, the NE1/4-SW1/4, the north half of the SE1/4, the east 14 acres of the west half of the NW1/4-NW1/4, the west 6 acres of the west half of the NW1/4-NW1/4, the east 14 acres of the west half of the SW1/4-NW1/4, the west 6 acres of the west half of the SW1/4-NW1/4, the east 14 acres of the west half of the NW1/4-SW1/4 and the west 6 acres of the west half of the NW1/4-SW1/4, Section 23; and the north half of the NE1/4, the north half of the NW1/4, and the SW1/4-NW1/4, and the NW1/4-SW1/4, Section 24, all in T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to revert 1,705 acres zoned in the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District back to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District for cranberry operations. This is due to inactivity in non-metallic mining operations, no township permit being issued and no conditional use permit being issued.

Located in the Town of Bear Bluff, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved with township approval.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE
BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Stoker to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Amo. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

**PETITION #2016-23
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF**

REPORT OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE

TO THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

The Jackson County Zoning Committee, having considered Petition #2016-23 to amend the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance filed by Jackson County Zoning Department for J R Nemitz Cranberry Inc on the day of March 23, 2016 to change the Official Zoning Map from the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District on the following described lands:

On property located in the south half of the NE1/4, the NE1/4-NW1/4, the south half of the NW1/4, the SW1/4, and the SE1/4, Section 18; the NE1/4, the NW1/4, the SW1/4 except 3 acres for residence, the NE1/4-SE1/4, the NW1/4-SE1/4, the south half of the SE1/4, Section 19; the SW1/4-NW1/4, the west half of the SE1/4-NW1/4, the west half of the NE1/4-SW1/4, the NW1/4-SW1/4, and the SW1/4-SW1/4, Section 20; the NW1/4, and the NW1/4-SW1/4, Section 30, all in T20N, R1E, Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County, WI. The request is to revert 1,703 acres zoned in the M-2 (Industrial Extractive) District back to the A-2 (Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District for cranberry operations. This is due to inactivity in non-metallic mining operations, no township permit being issued and no conditional use permit being issued.

Located in the Town of Bear Bluff, and having held public hearing thereon pursuant to Sec. 59.97(5)(e), Wis. Stats., notice thereof having been sent as provided by law, and being duly informed of the facts pertinent to the changes proposed, and duly advised of the wishes of the people in the area affected, hereby recommends as follows:

That the zone change be approved with township approval.

Dated this 18th day of April 2016.

JACKSON COUNTY ZONING COMMITTEE

BY: s/Gaylord Olson, Chairman

Motion was made by Supervisor Jensen to accept this zone change. This was seconded by Supervisor Iverson. Voice Vote was taken with 19 present voting Aye.

Chairman Ransom called a short recess at 10:07 A.M. Meeting was called back to order at 10:15 A.M.

JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission

The mission of the Jackson County Forest is to manage, conserve and protect our 120,000 acre forest on a sustainable basis for present and future generations. Management must balance local needs with broader state, national and global concerns through integration of sound forestry, wildlife, fisheries, endangered resources, water quality, soil conservation and sound recreational activities.

This report reflects the accomplishments for 2015. This work is based on the needs of our 121,460 acres of Jackson County Forest land along with 5 County Parks. Along with that we encompass 335 of snowmobile trails, 110 miles of ORV trails and 26 miles of motorcycle trails.

Jackson County Forestry & Parks Committee Members

Merlin Fredrickson, Chair

John Chrest, Vice Chair

Norman Stoker

Karen Thayer

Jerrold Schmidt

2015 Forestry & Parks Staff Members

James Zahasky – Administrator

Jon Schweitzer – Assistant Administrator

Jeremy Breheim – Parks Manager

Ashley Stetzer – Administrative Assistant

Dave Spaude – Forester

Jason Wood – Forester

Michael Labar – Forestry Technician

Jack Grutzik – Forestry Technician

Mark Hanson – Parks & Trails Laborer

Chris Repking – Trails Laborer (New 2015)

2015 Jackson County Forest Financial Statement

These figures are subject to auditor approval

Revenue:	
Forestry Road Aid	\$2,724.43
State & Federal Projects	\$0.00
Lease/Permits/Fees	\$39,953.59
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$3,126.47
Moss Revenue	\$18,131.75
Gross Timber Revenue (\$12,455.69 transferred to Parks for timber sale)	\$1,141,223.78
Total Timber Revenue with Parks Timber Sale Revenue	\$1,281,821.90
Township Payments	\$128,152.60
Retained Deposits	\$0.00
Transfer from Other Funds – State Aid	\$44,000.00
Year End Balance	\$1,249,160.02

Expense:	
Salaries	\$279,380.81
Part Time Salaries (Sheriff's Department)	\$10,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$147,360.33
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	\$27,299.98
TSI Maintenance	\$15,140.84
Forest Roads	\$2,862.00
Forestry Buildings	\$29,342.20
Administrative Costs	\$3,002.81
Timber Sale Expense	\$6,511.06
Grant Projects	\$5,643.00
Tree Planting	\$1,936.02
Site Preparations	\$1,256.84
Equipment Purchase	\$40,454.17
Forest Land Acquisition	\$0.00
Transfer to Parks	\$0.00
Transfer to General Fund	\$640,952.06
Year End Balance	\$1,211,142.12

2015 Jackson County Forest Financial Statement

Wild Life Management Account

Revenue	
Wildlife	\$5,759.53

Expense	
Vehicle Equipment	\$552.00
Materials	\$500.00

Wildlife Management Fund Balance	
Starting Fund Balance	\$9,236.24
Revenue Control	\$5,759.53
Expenditure Control	\$1,052.00
2015 Year End Fund Balance	\$13,943.77

Land Acquisition Account

Revenue	
Sand Lease payments, Selling of Land *This account is capped at \$150,000.00*	\$0.00

Expense	
Purchasing of Land	\$0.00

Balance Sheet	
Fund Balance – 2015	\$150,000

2015 Jackson County Forest Financial Statement

Salvage Sale Account

Expenditures	
PRT USA	\$6,017.50
Superior Forestry Service	\$3,884.50
Total Expenditures	\$9,902.00

Balance Sheet	
Starting Balance	\$209,788.57
Expenditures	\$9,902.00

2015 Salvage Sale Account Balance **\$199,886.57**

Township Payments

Every year 10% of the County Forest Revenue is put into a severance account and paid to Townships with County forest acreage. An acreage conversion is furnished by the DNR and we pay based upon year end timber sale revenue. The tables below reflect township payments for 2014 and 2015.

Timber Revenue 2015 **\$1,281,525.60**

Township 10% **\$128,152.56**

TOWN OF ALMA	\$ 5,723.81
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF	\$ 9,787.65
TOWN OF BROCKWAY	\$ 16,696.10
TOWN OF CITY POINT	\$ 36,450.18
TOWN OF KNAPP	\$ 24,688.72
TOWN OF KOMENSKY	\$ 13,140.64
TOWN OF MANCHESTER	\$ 20,288.60
TOWN OF MILLSTON	\$ 5.51
TOWN OF MELROSE	\$ 1,371.36

Timber Revenue 2014 **\$1,118,491.20**

Township 10% **\$111,808.01**

TOWN OF ALMA	\$ 4,998.21
TOWN OF BEAR BLUFF	\$ 8,609.01
TOWN OF BROCKWAY	\$ 14,570.38
TOWN OF CITY POINT	\$ 31,744.52

TOWN OF KNAPP	\$	21,527.08
TOWN OF KOMENSKY	\$	11,471.02
TOWN OF MANCHESTER	\$	17,734.29
TOWN OF MILLSTON (overpaid in 2013)	\$	-1.80
TOWN OF MELROSE	\$	1,155.30

2015 Jackson County Parks Financial Statement

These figures are subject to auditor approval

Revenue:	
Camping Reservation Fees	\$14,104.28
Camping Fees	\$270,149.31
Outlying Parks Revenue	\$21,282.09
Pop, Ice, Firewood	\$24,659.25
Misc. Revenue (\$12,455.69 from Timber Sale in Wazee Park)	\$31,506.70
Storage Revenue	\$1,055.92
Dive Fees	\$15,418.94
Day Use Fees	\$57,214.71
Shelter Building	\$521.34
Gravel Royalties	\$52,656.84
Shower Fees	\$6,533.00
ATV Trails Maintenance	\$52,754.06
SNO Trail Maintenance	\$82,000.00
Supplemental Sno	\$7,195.08
ATV Trail Projects	\$53,898.46
ATV Trail Stickers	\$8,541.45
Fund Balance Transfer	\$98,791.69
Year End Balance	\$795,815.45

Expense:	
Salaries	\$192,794.75
Seasonal Salaries	\$69,901.04
Employee Benefits	\$85,196.03
Utilities	\$36,319.62
Sanitary Services	\$20,598.31
Contracted Services	\$32,961.18
Bank Fees/Charges	\$4,328.66
Licenses	\$1,245.00
Conference Expenses	\$0.00
Administrative Cost	\$6,815.19
Maintenance Supplies	\$18,577.33
Equipment Maintenance and Repair	\$32,940.71
Pop, Ice, Firewood	\$8,894.47
Equipment Purchase	\$67,862.84
Dive Recovery Expense	\$3,000.00
Publishing	\$3,066.85
Camp Improvements	\$51,835.94
Signs	\$4,395.00
Snowmobile Alliance	\$54,221.33
Trail Maintenance Materials	\$2,069.51
Contracted Services	\$0.00
ATV Trail Projects	\$98,791.69
Year End Balance	\$795,815.45

Accomplishments

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2015 Forestry Accomplishments

Timber Sales Accomplishments

Timber harvests that are properly designed and completed are vital to maintaining a healthy and vigorous forest. Professional implementation of proper forest management and

harvest techniques are essential. The timber harvest goal is to produce a sustained yield of forest products using harvest techniques that are suited to the regeneration and growth needs of each forest type. The latest Jackson County Forest Reconnaissance printout was used to schedule forest stands for examination and harvest prescription by forestry staff.

Gross timber revenue for the year was \$1,281,525.60 for the County Forest. Ten percent of the gross revenue \$128,152.56 goes to the townships that have County Forest land in them as shared timber revenue.

During 2015 there were 1694 acres of timber sales cut and closed out on Jackson County Forest. Each sale was visited weekly when actively being cut. Visits were documented in the timber file by the sale administrator, and necessary action was taken to ensure contracts were followed.

Timber sale setup: Thirty-two timber sales were setup on 1669 acres, 943 acres were select cuts and 726 acres were clear cuts. Average sale size for 2015 was 52 acres and clear cut average sale size was 30 acres.

Local citizens and property owners can cut firewood for their own use with a permit. Permits are \$6.00 per cord and generated \$591.00 in revenue for 2015.

Forest inventory was done on 6,289 acres or approximately 5.2% of the County Forest. In addition 915 acres of regeneration check were completed on closed out timbers sales that are 1 to 2 years old. Forest inventory was done by County Foresters and DNR Foresters.

2015 Mossing Revenue

The mossing revenue is a small portion of the budget, but is a unique industry on the east side of Jackson County. In the 1940's and 1950's many families on the east side annually harvested sphagnum moss and sold it to large nurseries. Because of the intense labor needed to harvest moss, other products have since replaced it. Jackson County has 36 moss marshes that it harvests moss from. Once a marsh is harvested it takes 10 to 12 years for the sphagnum to regenerate. In 2015 four marshes were advertised and sold for \$17,900 on a total of sixty-one acres and approximately 27,600 bales of moss. Mossing revenue for the year was \$18,131.75.

Artificial Tree Regeneration

Jackson County is fortunate that the majority of harvested stands of trees regenerate by natural means. Where the stands do not come back fully stocked or where there is an insect, disease or natural event that prevents the stand from being fully stocked Jackson County is committed to artificially regenerating the stand.

85,000 containerized red pine seedlings were planted on a 2013 prepared site that was not completed. The site was planted in 2013 but 20 acres was not planted due to lack of trees. The trees were used to finish planting the 20 acres and the rest to fill in the plantation where there were dead trees. After the growing season the plantations were evaluated for seedling survival.

Forest Health

In July the forestry crew flew over the County Forest looking for possible insect or disease problems. Areas that were discovered from the fly over are located on the ground and samples from the trees sent to the state lab for diagnoses. Twelve tree samples were sent in to be tested for oak wilt. Seven of the twelve samples came back positive. Follow up treatment was carried out by the DNR oak wilt study team.

203 acres of invasive weeds (Buckthorn and Spotted Knapweed) were chemically treated. Sixty-nine acres were contracted out and the rest of the work was completed in house by the forestry staff.

Work was also done on the 15 year plan expanding the plan for invasive plants found on the County Forest.

Wildlife

Karner Blue Butterfly: In 2015 our annual monitoring was done by our forestry staff. This includes self-monitoring on land management activities that are in the high potential for KBB.

Wildlife Habitat Grants (5 cents/acre) was used to pay for access control on new trails, seeding logging roads and landings. Two new openings on 1.5 acres and 1.5 miles of trails

were seeded in 2015. Maintenance mowing on 13 miles along with half mile saw brushing was done on trails.

Jackson County Forestry staff and equipment was used to help in the reintroduction of elk in the County.

With the help of the Black River Falls Chamber an Updated Sportsmen Map for Jackson County was completed and available to the public.

Another public access for canoe use was developed on the East Fork of the Black River. County Conservation Aid was used to add gravel and grade access road to Indian Creek Flowage.

County Forest Road Maintenance

Routine grading, mowing and signing of our 10 miles of county forest roads was completed.

Township Road Grant

The Forestry and Parks Committee met several times this past year with loggers trying to work together on issues that pose a hardship to logging on the County Forest. One of the issues that came to the top was access to the County Forest using Township roads.

In the 2015 Forestry and Parks budget \$20,000 was set aside to upgrade town road infrastructure to help minimize future damage, increase safety and extend the life of the road surface for future raw forest products hauling.

Facilities and Equipment

Routine maintenance of all equipment was conducted during 2015. Computer logs were used to track oil changes, mileage, and normal maintenance and repair work. The majority of the work was done in house with the exception of body work and tire changing.

Replaced the shop lighting that was old fluorescent lighting with new LED lighting that should have less maintenance and save energy. The outside lighting with sodium 400 watt light was replaced with LED 80 watt lamp.

Worked with We Energies who installed seven miles of natural gas line across the County Forest usually next to roads and trails.

2015 Jackson County Parks Accomplishments

Total camping revenue for Arbutus Parks in 2015 was up \$29,274 to **\$270,149**. A fee increase imposed during the 2015 season to recuperate costs was slightly below projected estimates. Camping revenue from Wazee, County Forest Camping, Crawford Hills and Merlin Lambert parks was down minimally at **\$21,282.00**.

Day use fees were up significantly (\$10,000) to **\$57,214**.

Dive fees remained steady at **\$15,418.00**.

Gravel royalties continue to remain below expectations. Total revenues in 2015 were **\$52,656**. The quality of the material at the current site continues to decline, and the completion of negotiations with Arcelor-Mittal is paramount to locating and processing higher quality reserves for future use. The County is in the final stages of an agreement to explore and mine additional reserves

County Park/Trails Improvement Projects – 2015

The Jackson County Parks Department has focused on infrastructure improvements related to maintenance rather than new construction. This will quite probably be the focus for the next several budget cycles as most of our aging infrastructure has been either replaced or updated with modern amenities to meet public demands. Opportunity exists for expansion of camping opportunities at both Wazee and West Arbutus, however, either project will require significant capital beyond what our current fund balance can support. Depending upon the extent of expansion, additional full time staff may be required to support the increased use. The following photos show projects that were completed during fiscal year 2015.

Grant Funding

Several grants were administered in 2015. The following is a summary of those projects.

Development Grants (Park/Trail Improvements 2015)

<i>ATV3209 Ott Trail Rehab</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>\$47,630.00</i>
<i>ATV3029 McKenna Rehab</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>\$12,530.00</i>
<i>ATV3236 Pray Relocation</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>\$17,500.00</i>
<i>ATV 3028 Box Tube</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$194,535.00</i>
<i>RTA60714 BRF Trail</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$45,000.00</i>
<i>RTA73215 Box Tube</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$200,000.00</i>
<i>ATV3210 Box Tube</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$194,538.00</i>
<i>ATV3359 Brockway Rehab</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$28,282.00</i>
<i>ATV3360 White Creek Rehab</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$31,926.00</i>
<i>S4379 BRF Trail</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$100,000.00</i>
<i>USFWS Grant</i>	<i>Completed</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>Aquatic Invasive Grant</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$71,381.25</i>
<i>Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation</i>	<i>In progress</i>	<i>\$10,300.00</i>

<i>TOTAL DEVELOPMENT</i>	<i>\$ 956,122.25</i>
<i>TOTAL ATV AND SNOWMOBILE MAINTENANCE</i>	<i>\$132,960.00</i>
<i>GRAND TOTAL GRANTS</i>	<i>\$1,089,082.25</i>

Chairman Ransom introduced Jon Schweitzer, Assistant Administrator who gave the Parks portion of the above report. Jim Zahasky, Administrator gave the Forestry portion. Discussion took place.

Chairman Ransom introduced Chris Hardie from the Chamber of Commerce who went over highlights of the Jackson County ATV Trail Users Survey Report. Discussion took place.

Supervisor Jensen made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Supervisor Stevens. All present voted Aye by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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 COUNTY OF JACKSON)

I, Kyle Deno, County Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and complete summary of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Wisconsin, at its Statutory Session held on April 19, 2016.

 Kyle Deno, County Clerk
 Jackson County, Wisconsin

PER DIEM AND MILEAGE

<u>DISTRICT MEMBER</u>	<u>PER DIEM</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Karen Thayer	\$65.00	\$27.00	\$92.00
2. Alton Staff	\$65.00	\$23.22	\$88.22
3. Hoyt Strandberg	\$65.00	\$12.96	\$77.96
4. Roger Stevens	\$65.00	\$19.44	\$84.44
5. Thomas Clark	\$65.00	\$10.80	\$75.80
6. Larry Blaken	\$65.00	\$16.20	\$81.20
7. Charles Jensen	\$65.00	\$ 9.72	\$74.72
8. Max Hart	\$65.00	\$ 7.56	\$72.56
9. Ray Ransom	\$65.00	\$12.42	\$77.42
10. Tom Reid	\$65.00	\$ 3.02	\$68.02
11. Michelle Greendeer-Rave	\$65.00	\$ 6.48	\$71.48
12. Ron Carney	\$65.00	\$21.87	\$86.87
13. Norman Stoker	\$65.00	\$ 1.62	\$66.62
14. John Chrest	\$65.00	\$ 1.08	\$66.08
15. Joe Hunter	\$65.00	\$ 1.08	\$66.08
16. Grady Gutknecht	\$65.00	\$.54	\$65.54
17. Jeff Amo	\$65.00	\$ 1.08	\$66.08
18. Jerrold Schmidt	\$65.00	\$10.18	\$75.18
19. Danny Iverson	<u>\$65.00</u>	<u>\$ 9.94</u>	<u>\$74.94</u>
	\$1235.00	\$196.21	\$1431.21

