



Jackson County Forestry and Parks Department

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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING Tuesday, February 9, 2016 8:30am Jackson County Forestry & Parks Conference Room

To: Forestry & Parks Committee
Merlin Fredrickson, Chair
Norm Stoker
John Chrest

Karen Thayer
Jerrold Schmidt

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

Parks Report:

- Parks and Trails Monthly Report – 10 min.
- Resolution – Donation of Land -10 min.
- Resolution – AIS Control Grant – 10min.
- Lake Arbutus Association – Request for buoy placement -10 min.
- Jackson in Action – Snowshoe Race -10 min.

Forestry Report

- Permission to advertise for tree planting – 5 minutes
- Review Grader Blade bids – 10 minutes
- Review Truck bids – 15 minutes
- Fire Tower decommission – 15 minutes
- LTE Position – 10 minutes
- Grant for Town roads – 5 minutes
- Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. (1)(c) to consider employment, Promotion, compensation or performance evaluation - 15 minutes
- Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (e) negotiate the purchase of public lands. -10 minutes
- Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. (1)(g) conferring with Legal Counsel regarding likely litigation. -15 minutes

Adjourn – next meeting set for March 8, 2016

Cc:	Dennis Eberhardt – Co Board Chairman	Jackson County Chronicle	Chamber of Commerce
	Ho-Chunk DNR	Eric Zenz – DNR	Cody Caulum – DNR
	Paul Westgard- DNR	Danny Iverson	Larry Whaley – DNR
	Bulletin Board – Courthouse	www.co.jackson.wi.us	

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Those present were: Merlin Fredrickson, John Chrest, Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

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

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

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

Chamber Report: Chris Hardie was present at the meeting. He gave an update on the large fish caught at Wazee Lake County Park and the number of views and shares it received on their Facebook page. He also informed the Committee on their new hire, she will be in charge of handing all aspects of social media for the Chamber.

DNR Report: Wildlife biologist Scott Roepke was present and gave an update on the 2015 gun deer season. The farmland zone was down 12% and the forest zone had a significant decline. Through phone calls it has been determined that approximately 95% of the people they are in contact with registered their deer incorrectly. After an adjustment they are determining the numbers to be more consistent. The elk herd is doing well and there was no elk harvested during the gun deer season.

Parks & Trails Report:

Jon updated the Committee on current projects including removing hazardous trees from the park and updating the lighting system to LED's. Jon continues to work with Corporation Counsel on the Wazee gravel contract.

Trails continue to be groomed as needed and work continues on rehab projects. Jon has negotiated the new tractor lease, which will be around \$1,000 more than the previous year.

Nicole Schweitzer was present on behalf of the Jackson in Action Coalition requesting permission to use Wazee Lake County Park for the Pace and Pedal on May 21, 2016. A motion was made by John Chrest, seconded by Karen Thayer to approve the request and wave daily vehicle admission fees the day of the event. All members voted in favor.

Jon requested permission from the Committee to allow for himself and other staff members to take annual tours of neighboring County facilities, trails and other facilities within Jackson County to gain knowledge for dissemination to the public. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve the request, the motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Forestry Report:

Jim requested permission to advertise for a high blade for the Forestry Department. The blade would be used to grade logging roads after the completion of sales. Cost for the blade averages between \$18,000 and \$19,000 and Forestry is looking to purchase a 12 foot blade. A motion to advertise for the high blade was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Jim also requested permission to go out for bids on a new forestry truck. This truck would be a work style model. A motion to advertise was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat.19.85 (e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor by rollcall.

A motion was made by Karen Thayer to accept the gift of 4.03 acres of land and go forward with a phase 1 assessment before transferring the title. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Next regular meeting date: February 9, 2016

These minutes will be approved at the February Meeting