

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am, on Tuesday June 9, 2015. 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 Karen Thayer, seconded by John Chrest 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.

Forestry Report:

The Wisconsin County Forest Association summer tour will take place on July 8, 9 and 10th in Marinette County. Jim is currently serving as President of the Association and will be attending.

Several townships in the County are in the process of opening up ORV routes. The township of Knapp would like to open all of their roads to ORV's and the question was raised in regards to ORV traffic and keeping them off forest roads that are not currently designated as trails. A motion was made by John Chrest to communicate with the townships that the County recognizes value in what they are doing but would like to see a more detailed plan in regards to signage and whose going to enforce them. He would also like to know what they are expecting from the County. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:

Jon gave out monthly work plan. Several projects are underway including dozing work on ATV trails to improve areas that are heavily saturated. The playground at Crawford Hills was recently taken out due to the condition it was in and minor repairs are being done at Merlin Lambert.

Looking ahead to the 2016 budget Jon has been researching a new ORV trail groomer. Coordination was done with an individual who purchased a new groomer in Siren, WI and permission to send Chris Repking on an overnight trip to test out the groomer was requested. This would be done at no expense to the County. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to send Chris Repking to test out the new groomer. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Jon has been working closely with Sara Hatleli in regards to the Aquatic Invasive Species grant and the phragmites monitoring. Sara will take the lead with the monitoring and estimated that she would have approximately 80 hours of work per year, over the course of 3 years, at a rate of \$50.00 an hour. A motion was made by John Chrest to sign and approve the agreement with Sara Hatleli, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

A request was made by Merlin Fredrickson to move the July meeting due to a conflict with the Hwy Department. Next month's meeting will be on Monday, July 13 at 8:30am.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50am

Next regular meeting date: July 13, 2015

These minutes will be approved at the July meeting