

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am, on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Those present were: John Chrest, Norm Stoker, Merlin Fredrickson, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Jim Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer and Ashley Stetzer.

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

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

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

**Forestry Report:**

Fifteen timber sales were presented to the Committee. Total amount of sales sold was \$506,335.99. A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer to approve the highest bidders on each sale. All members voted in favor.

Tract number 42-14 did not receive any bids and was not sold at the November bid opening. A motion to re-advertise the sale in December was made by John Chrest, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Mower bids were once again discussed. Jim did talk to the Hwy department and the mowing unit that they have will not be feasible for the type of application needed by the Forestry department. A motion was made by John Chrest to purchase the Land Pride RCM6610-10 for \$15,275.00 with the \$1,000.00 trade in. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

**Parks & Trails Report:**

Jon updated the Committee about the electrical update progress at East Arbutus. The sign installation for Wazee Lake may be postponed until 2015. One shower house remains open at East Arbutus through the gun deer season.

Preparation has begun for the upcoming snowmobile season. Trail signing will be done after the gun deer season so to avoid vandalism. The ATV/UTV trail maintenance grant will be completed by the end of this month.

Jon requested permission to travel to Kentucky for a 2 week time period to assist in trapping elk to return to Jackson County. Kris Johansen, the area Wildlife Specialist, for the WI-DNR was present at the meeting to present information to the Committee on why Jon was selected to attend. Kris stated that Jon was one of the first candidates that came to mind when developing the trapping teams and the DNR would be picking up the cost of transportations, meals and lodging. A motion to approve the resolution for out of state travel for Jon Schweitzer to travel to Kentucky, with Jackson County paying for only the cost of Jon's time was made by John Chrest. Also, that the WI-DNR would pick up the cost of transportation, lodging and food while Jon could earn up to 40 hours of comp time. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Currently the Parks department has one employee out on family medical leave. This employee is responsible for trail grooming and assistance will be needed for the upcoming riding season. A motion to approve filing a part time trails LTE vacancy and pass on to Personnel was made by Norm Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Torgre Mikkelson asked permission to be put on the agenda regarding the Hatfield Fireworks display on July 4. They would like to shoot the fireworks off of the East Arbutus beach. A 300 foot diameter circle is needed for safety; this would not disrupt any campsites at East Arbutus as all would lie outside of the area. On Friday, November 14 the organization would like permission to shoot off fireworks as a "test run" to get a better understanding of what size fireworks would be applicable. A motion as made by John Chrest to talk to Corporation Counsel in regards to shooting this Friday, November 14. The motion was seconded by Jerry Schmidt, all members voted in favor. The shoot on Friday would be covered by insurance.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (e) negotiating the purchase of public properties was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made in closed session by Karen Thayer to appraise a 40 acre parcel of land, the motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

A motion to reconvene in open session was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am

Next regular meeting date: December 9, 2014

These minutes will be approved at the December meeting