

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am, on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Those present were: Merlin Fredrickson, John Chrest, Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Jim Zahasky and Jeremy Breheim.

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

Motion made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Norman Stoker approve the minutes from the previous meeting with correction on time from September minutes.

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

A request for a driveway permit by Milestone Materials was moved up on the agenda by the request of Chairman Fredrickson. Milestone Material is requesting a driveway permit for approximately a ¼ mile of County property. This permit would allow them to access an area they are potentially going to purchase for sand mining. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve access contingent on an agreement settlement between Milestone Materials and the Ho Chunk Nation. If an agreement cannot be reached the request will then be denied. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:

Jeremy was present at the meeting in Jon Schweitzer's absents. Jeremy informed the Committee that several updates have taken place at Wazee Lake as well as improving picnic tables at Crawford Hills. FISTA chainsaw training was held at East Arbutus County Park and work will begin next week to close all but one shower house also at East Arbutus. Closure of the fall ORV trail season has been pushed back to October 18. Snowmobile inspections for the upcoming riding season have begun.

Jim presented to the Committee the County Conservation Aid Resolution. The annual resolution states that the County is eligible for \$2,644.00 to be used for invasive species. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Area DNR wildlife biologist Scott Reopke approached Jim Zahasky about potentially contributing \$500.00 for an informative Elk bill board. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to fund the \$500.00 out of the Nickle an Acre account for the billboard. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

Forestry Report:

Jim presented to the Committee 16 timber sales to be sold at the November 5, 2015 bid opening. Motion to advertise the sales were made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

Approximately 12 timber sales will need extensions. A motion was made by John Chrest to go forward with appropriate penalties and approve extensions. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Jim requested permission to advertise for new lighting in the Forestry shop and office area. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to go out for bids; the motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt all members voted in favor.

The 2016 work plan for both Forestry and Parks was presented. A motion to approve the work plan was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

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

Motion to reconvene in open session was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor by roll call.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Next regular meeting date: November 10, 2015

These minutes will be approved at the November Meeting