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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2015
8:30am
Jackson County Forestry & Parks Conference Room

To: Forestry & Parks Committee
Merlin Fredrickson, Chair
Norm Stoker
John Chrest
Karen Thayer
Jerrold Schmidt

10:30 a.m. Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

Parks Report:
- County Conservation Aid Resolution
- Approval of Bill Board
- Camping gift certificate request

Forestry Report
- Permission to advertise for timber sales
- Timber sale extensions
- Permission to advertise for shop lighting bids
- Review Work Plan
- Driveway permit request

- Motion to go into closed session
  - Wis. Stat. 19.85 (e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties

Adjourn – next meeting set for November 10, 2015

Cc:			
	Dennis Eberhardt – Co Board Chairman	Jackson County Chronicle	Chamber of Commerce
	Ho-Chunk DNR	Eric Zenz – DNR	Cody Caulum – DNR
	Paul Westegard- 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, September 8, 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 10:00am

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

Motion made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the bills as presented for payment. All members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:
Rebecca Flege, representing Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH), was present at the meeting to discuss the upcoming box culvert project. The box culvert will be installed to eliminate the at-grade crossing on east Hwy 54. To-date 75% of the funding has been secured by Jon through grant writing efforts. Currently the project is estimated to be $270,000 short. The culvert will be 12 foot wide by 10 foot tall and span 120 feet. A motion was made by John Chrest to propose to Executive & Finance that the remaining funds for the project be taken out of the Capital Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

A second motion was also made by John Chrest to proceed with a Phase 1 on the project with a contract addendum. The field work for this part of the project will be paid by grant dollars that have already been secured. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jon updated the Committee that revenue is tracking well for 2015. Spraying of invasive weeds continues at Wazee Lake and looks to be successful. Jon recently attended the ORV Council meeting and secured approximately $60,000 in grant moneys for trail projects and rehabs.

Greg Fatla, representing the Hatfield Ski Team, was present at the meeting to request use of West Arbutus parking lot. The conditions at the West Arbutus beach are favorable due to calmer waters and less wind. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the Hatfield Ski Team special events permit. The team will go forward with organization and obtaining all necessary insurance. This is a contingency on the motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Eurasian water milfoil continues to be a problem at Wazee Lake. The current invasive grant was amended due to the fact that it did not include Eurasian issues. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve the Eurasian Water Milfoil proposal and add to our current contract with Aquatic Plant & Habitat Services. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Jon presented the Committee with his 2016 Parks and Trails Budget. A motion was made by John Chrest, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the budget, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the proposed Aquatic Invasive LTE position presented in the 2016 Parks budget. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Forestry Report:
Jim presented to the Committee the 2016 Forestry Budget. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve the budget, seconded by Karen Thayer. All committee members voted in favor.

Jim recently applied for a Sustainable Grant. This grant would allow for the hiring of a Forestry LTE for up to 600 hours. This position will potentially be shared with the proposed LTE position by the Parks Department. A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the grant, all members voted in favor.

Brockway Township applied for and received a $5,000 road grant through the county. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to pay the township for their work on the road. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, 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 Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Karen Thayer.

A motion to reconvene in open session was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15am was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm
Next regular meeting date: October 13, 2015
These minutes will be approved at the October meeting