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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING
July 12, 2016
8:30am
Jackson County Forestry & Parks Conference Room

To: Forestry & Parks Committee

Karen Thayer, Chairperson
Norm Stoker
John Chrest
Thomas Clark
Jerrold Schmidt

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

Forestry Report

- Set public meeting date for 1.13 acre withdrawal – 10 min
- Purchase of State parcels – 10 min
- Review timber sale payment status – 15 min

Parks Report:

- Parks and Trails report – 15 min.
- Eurasian Water Milfoil Removal – 10 min
- Marineland Treasure Hunt request – 5 min
- Phone upgrades-5 min

Adjourn – next meeting set for August 9, 2016

Cc:			
	Ray Ransom – Co Board Chairman	Jackson County Chronicle	Chamber of Commerce
	Ho-Chunk DNR	Eric Zenz – DNR	Cody Caulum – DNR
	Danny Iverson	Larry Whaley – DNR	Zach Clausing - 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, June 14, 2016. Those present were: Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, John Chrest, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Jim Zahasky and Jeremy Breheim

Chairperson Karen Thayer called the meeting to order at 8:30am

Motion made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt 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.

Forestry Report:
Jim presented a resolution to withdraw 1.13 acres from County Forest land. The land will be purchased by Van Ert for $15,900.00. The land must be withdrawn before it can be sold. A motion to accept the resolution was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Forestry would like to purchase a sprayer that would attach to a UTV. Jim found 2 separate sprayers, one being half the price of the other with similar components. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to go forward with purchasing the lower priced sprayer at $2,200.00. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

Dave Spaude was present at the meeting requesting permission to power trench an area that will not naturally regenerate due to the large buckthorn problem. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to approve power trenching just over 40 acres of a jack pine stand. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Dave Spaude also asked the Committee permission to cut in an area designated in the 15 year plan as a no cut area. A motion was made by John Chrest to cut 6 acres within the designated area, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

The WI-DNR would like to put up a new weather station at Wazee Lake. It would consist of a small 25 X 25 fenced in enclosure. There will be no cost or liability on the County. A motion was made by John Chrest to move forward with the agreement with the DNR for the weather station. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:
Jeremy Breheim was present at the meeting for Jon Schweitzer. Jeremy informed the Committee that Memorial Day weekend went overall well. The Parks have hired 2 more seasonal staff for the summer. The 3rd annual Pace and Pedal saw 192 participants and was a success.

Fecon mowing continues on the trail system. Trails are currently closed due to heavy rain and wet conditions.

The meeting was adjourned to tour the Parks facilities as well as trails.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30pm was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm
Next regular meeting date: July 12, 2016
These minutes will be approved at the July Meeting