



# Jackson County Forestry and Parks Department

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## JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING

October 11, 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. Public Information Meeting

8:35am Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

### **Parks Report:**

- Parks and Trails Report-10 min.
- County Conservation Aids Resolution-5min
- FEMA update - 10 min
- Long Term Campers - 5 min

### **Forestry Report**

- Review roof quotes – 10 min.
- Permission to advertise timber sales – 10 min.
- Raese timber sales – 15 min.
- B&M timber sales – 10 min.
- Land purchase – 10 min.
- Review budget purchases – 10 min.

Adjourn – next meeting set for October 11, 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	<a href="http://www.co.jackson.wi.us">www.co.jackson.wi.us</a>	

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Those present were: Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

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

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

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

**Forestry Report:**

Recently bids were solicited for re-coating the roof at the main Forestry office. Only one bid was received. After recommendation it was decided to go out for more quotes before awarding the contract.

The direct timber sale and land clearing bid was opened with only 1 bid by D&D Mechanized Pulping. The bid was more than what has been budgeted to complete the project. The recommendation was made to re-advertise the sale and to go out and separate the project into a timber sale and then complete the land clearing.

TJ Raese & Company Logging recently had 3 separate checks returned NSF. One of the checks was for a stumpage payment on sale JC-2444, while the other 2 checks were to cover a cash bond for sale JC-2447. Both of the cash bond checks were returned NSF. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt stating TJ Raese may no longer write any checks to Jackson County Forestry. All payments submitted must be in the form of a money order or cashier's check. The motion also included that TJ Raese will pre-pay for all of his jobs with the County until he has a proven track record of making timely payments. Jim will also consult with an Attorney about the remaining cash bonds he has paid to the County. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Steven Hoff is requesting a driveway permit for his property, he is also looking to sell 80 acres of land. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the driveway permit over 80 acres. He also requested that Jim Zahasky find out what he is asking for the property. If the price is within reason Jim should then order an appraisal be done on the property. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Jim requested a contract for spraying buck thorn over 20 acres on a pre-timber sale location to encourage natural aspen regeneration. A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark to approve \$8,000 for spraying.

Jim would like to attend the Society of American Forester's National Convention in Madison. A motion was made by Thomas Clark to approve sending Jim for 1 or 2 days, whichever he chooses, at a cost of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

The Committee reviewed the 2017 Forestry budget. A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark to approve the budget, all members voted in favor.

**Parks & Trails Report:**

Jon updated the Committee that painting projects continue in the park as well as table repairs. Extensive damage was done to the trees in the Wazee camping area. Jon estimated that 50% of the trees were blown down. Clean up continues in all the Parks due to the storm. Jon will be meeting with Eau Claire and Clark County regarding a fee increase for 2018 and seasonal camping registration will begin soon for 2017.

Recently Jon attended the ORV council meeting and was awarded \$84,621.00 in grant money. Trails are currently closed due to storm damage but are expected to re-open soon. The Culvert project on Hwy 54 has an estimated completion date of October 20. Jon will present to the National Resources Board on September 27 on the ORV trails in the County.

Jon requested permission to award a 3 day camping pass to the Volunteer that came from Stevens Point to work on the ORV trails after the recent storm that went through. A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the request. All members voted in favor.

Peter Bakken was present on behalf of the Black River State Forest to talk about allowing UTV's to use the ORV trails in winter. After discussion a motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to open the ORV trails to UTV's during the winter riding months (December 15-March 15). This will take affect for the 2016-2017 riding season. All members voted in favor.

Recently bids were solicited for roof repairs at 4 different locations in the Parks. Only one bid was received by Bertrang Roofing out of Black River Falls. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to approve a steel roof at the Wazee beach shelter for \$6,300.00 and install an asphalt roof at the Wazeee contact station for \$2,250.00. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor. A decision to wait on the remaining two locations was made based on recommendation from Bertrang Roofing that at this time they were still in adequate condition.

Jon requested approval to send out a bid packet for gravel hauling projects. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Thomas Clark to approve the packet and solicit bids. All members voted in favor.

The 2017 Parks budget was presented. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve the budget with one correction, changing the seal coating from .5 miles to 1 mile, an additional \$10,000.00. Jon was also to look into the \$10,000 that was given by WE Energies. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:40pm was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm

Next regular meeting date: October 11, 2016

These minutes will be approved at the October Meeting