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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING

November 8, 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 – withdraw .1912 acres of land

8:35am Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

Parks Report:

- Casino Trail – Ho Chunk Nation-15 min
- Parks and Trails Report -10 min
- Gravel Bids - 10 min

Forestry Report

- Award Timber Sale Bids – 10 min
- 2017 Work Plan, Forestry & Parks – 10 min

Adjourn – next meeting set for December 13, 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, October 11, 2016. Those present were: Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, John Chrest, 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 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.

Parks & Trails Report:

Rebecca Flege from SEH was present at the meeting requesting an additional \$10,000.00 be allocated for engineering cost on the Hwy 54 box culvert project. Originally \$55,000 was set aside for 100 days of engineering oversight. Because the project has overrun by 45 days money is running out. Jon recommended setting up a meeting with SEH, Pember and Jackson County to discuss what is left on the project and a possible sharing proposal for the additional cost between all 3 agencies. A motion was made by John Chrest to go along with Jon Schweitzer's proposal and come up with a sharing cost proposal, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jon informed the Committee that the roofing projects at the parks have begun. The parks incurred moderate flood damage during the recent high waters on Lake Arbutus. The park was closed for 1 day as a precaution. Winterizing shower houses has also begun.

Jon has compiled the FEMA claim, damage estimated from the recent flood is roughly \$26,000.00. Work is finishing up on the new trail around Black River Falls and gravel hauling for grant work will begin.

The County Conservation Aid Resolution was presented. \$2,700.00 is allocated to the County each year on a 50/50 match. A motion was made by John Chrest to sign the resolution, the motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Jon recently requested bids for hauling gravel to complete 3 different projects on the ORV trails. 2 bids were received from Torkelson Trucking and Roger Castle Trucking. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to award all 3 locations to Roger Castle as he was the low bidder on the 3 projects. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

Jon requested permission to attend the October 18 Invasive Species conference in La Crosse along with LTE Don Houser. Motion to approve attending was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Forestry Report:

Jim reviewed with the Committee the roof project proposal. A bid was received from Custofam Corporation for \$25,900.00 and a quote was submitted by A&K Best Roofing LLC. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to re-bid the project, the motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

Permission to advertise for the 2016 fall timber sales with additions was made by John Chrest. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jim met with the Town of Komensky to discuss a small timber sale cutting back approximately 50 feet of the road right away. The sale would include white pine and oak and be less than \$5000.00. This sale would be added to the fall bid packet. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve the cutting. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, Karen Thayer, and Thomas Clark. The motion was denied by Jerrold Schmidt. Motion carried.

Jackson County timber sale 2447 that was purchased by TJ Raese was discussed. Raese submitted a bond check for \$10,000 that was returned NSF (non-sufficient funds). A motion was made by Norman Stoker to take back sale and re-sell at the fall bid opening. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

B&M Logging has 4 timber sales that cannot be completed due to health issues with the Logger. A motion was made by John Chrest to re-bid the 4 sales again this fall contingent on getting all necessary documentation returned from the banks to release the sale. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Jim reviewed the purchases for 2016 that were not included in the budgeted items. Money is left over in equipment purchases that could be used. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the purchases, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am

Next regular meeting date: November 8, 2016

These minutes will be approved at the November Meeting