

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 9, 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

A public meeting regarding the withdrawal of 1.138 acres of County land was in session with no one attending. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve advertising the meeting for only 1 week in the County paper. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

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

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

Forestry Report:

Jim requested permission to advertise a direct timber sale that will be used as a wildlife opening. The sale is for 16.5 acres of land located in the town of Knapp. The sale is valued at \$5,931.08 and is being sold for timber removal as well as land clearing. This will be a 6 month contract. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to advertise the direct sale, the motion was seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Purchasing of a new upgraded phone system is in the 2016 Forestry budget. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the new system, the motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

Jim updated the Committee on the status of his 2016 working budget. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to go forward with the advertising for the needed roof upgrade at the main forestry office. The roof upgrade was a budgeted item for 2016 and has not been completed. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:

Jon informed the committee that revenue for 2016 is once again ahead of last year. Utility costs are also down for 2016 and staff shortages continue to be a growing concern.

The underpass on Hwy 54 is scheduled to be complete by September 21, things are currently looking to be approximately \$25,000 under budget but Jon informed the Committee this could change. The new trail around Black River Falls is 80% complete. Jon will be attending the ORV Council meeting and the Snowmobile Council meeting August 22 and August 23.

Jon requested permission to advertise for roof replacements at West Arbutus and Wazee Lake. Currently 4 separate roofs are in need of repairs. This is a budget item for 2016 and precedence will be given to the roofs that need the most repair. An alternate steel bid will be included. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to go forward with the roof bids, the motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Next regular meeting date: September 13, 2016

These minutes will be approved at the September Meeting