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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING

August 7, 2018

8:30am

Jackson County Forestry & Parks Conference Room

To: *Forestry & Parks Committee*

Karen Thayer - Chairperson

Norm Stoker

John Higgins

Ed Chamberlain

Jerrold Schmidt

❖ **8:30am Call to Order**

8:30-8:35: *Public informational meeting and input on Jackson County forest withdrawal, McCumber property*

8:35-8:40: *Public informational meeting and input on Jackson County forest withdrawal, Bugtussel Cell Tower*

- Approve minutes from previous meeting
- Audit Bills
- Chamber of Commerce Report
- DNR Report

Parks Report:

- Parks and Trails Report- 10 min
- Award Dredging Bids- 10 min
- Request for Shelter- 20 min
- ATV Parking Lot- 20 min
- Beach Party Request- 20 min

Forestry Report:

- Moss Marsh Bid – 5 Min
- Resolution, withdrawal of .88 acres, McCumber
- Resolution, withdrawal of 10 acres, Bugtussel
- 2017 Annual Report – 10 Min
- Appraisal for potential land acquisition

❖ **Adjourn – next meeting set for September 11, 2018**

Cc: Ray Ransom – Co Board Chairman
Ho-Chunk DNR
Bulletin Board – Courthouse
Cindy Altman

Jackson County Chronicle
Eric Zenz – DNR
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Chamber of Commerce
Zach Clausing - DNR
Susie Minerz- Personnel Director

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, July 11, 2018. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, Ed Chamberlain, John Higgins, Jim Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chairperson Karen Thayer.

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

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

Attorney Garrett Nix was present to discuss County ordinance 13.04-Diving in area contrary to posted notice. Attorney Nix recommendation was to keep the ordinance as is. After discussion a motion was made by Karen Thayer to keep ordinance 13.04 as is, with no changes. The motion was seconded by John Higgins. Ed Chamberlain, Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer and John Higgins voted in favor of the motion. The motion was denied by Jerrold Schmidt.

Purchase of the parcel of property owned by Jerold Jozwiak was discussed. Jozwiak wishes to sell his property "as is" with no disclaimer. After discussion a motion was made by John Higgins to go forward with purchasing the property "as is", the motion was seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

The re-classification of the Forestry and Parks Administrator and Assistant Administrator was discussed. Jackson County wage rates currently rank lower than 15% of other counties. To date a reclassification of either position has not been done. A motion was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by John Higgins to approve the resolution for both positions to be re-classified, all members voted in favor.

Jon presented the parks and trails report. Day use revenue will be at budget by mid-July due to the heavy influx of people visiting Wazee Lake. Diving has also gone up 100% since the 50% reduction in admission fees was passed. Dredging bids are out for advertising and will be due by July 27.

Trail use is similar to that of 2017. The new ATV interactive map has been viewed over 13,000 times since being introduced in May. Construction of the Casino trail will begin this month.

A request to install a memorial sign at Lambert Park was discussed. A Muskie tournament is held there every year and the sign would be placed at the boat landing. A motion to approve the sign request was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

The Committee reviewed the 0.88 acres that will be withdrawn to the County forest to resolve an access issue. The property will be purchased for \$1,672.00. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Norman Stoker, seconded Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 10:30am was made by Norm Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain. All members voted in favor.

Next regular meeting date: **August 7, 2018 (date change)**
These minutes will be approved at the August meeting