

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 9:00am on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Jackson County Forestry & Parks office. Those in attendance were: Karen Thayer, Ed Chamberlain, Tom Clark, Jerold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, James Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00am

A motion was made by Norman Stoker seconded by Ed Chamberlain to approve the July minutes, all members voted in favor.

Motion made by Ed Chamberlain seconded by Tom Clark to approve the bills as presented for payment. All members voted in favor.

Dawn Guillame, Wazee Concessionaire, was present at the meeting to talk about the band on the beach at Wazee. Overall, it was a very well received event with approximately 200 people in attendance. Dawn requested permission to do a band once a month next summer 2022. A motion to approve her request and allow bands on the beach was made by Jerold Schmidt, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Zach Clausing was present from the WI-DNR and gave updates. Scott Roepke was also present from the WI-DNR and gave a wildlife update.

Jon presented the parks and trails report. The correctional inmates are back working in the park one day a week. Jon is working on a new wage comparison for 2022 and finishing up on the 2022 budget. Trails are still being groomed weekly and the ORV council will meet in September via zoom to go over grant requests.

A new groomer will need to be purchased for next year. After discussion a motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to send two staff to Bonnell Industries in Dixon, Illinois, to test their grooming unit. The motion was seconded by Tom Clark, all members voted in favor.

The shoreline on site 7-15 at West Arbutus needs attention. Jeremy and Jon met with Mike Goehring from Land Conservation and he estimated that approximately \$15,000.00 would be needed to fix the shoreline. The project would be bid out and in theory be completed in October. Jon also discussed the concrete that needs to be poured at Wazee lake concession area and tractor tires that are needed to purchase. After discussion a motion was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Tom Clark to approve the additional funds needed for these projects. All members voted in favor.

Wings of Hope requested permission to use their boat at Lake Wazee to record a training video for rescue and recovery. The boat does have an attached gas motor. After discussion a motion was made by Jerry Schmidt to approve the request. The boat motor will need to be wrapped and inspected before entry. The video will need to be filmed in the fall of 2021. Ed Chamberlain seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.

Jim discussed applying for a Sustainable Grant for a slip in unit for the truck and ATV to be used during fire control. The equipment would be 100% grant funded. A motion to approve applying for the grant was made by Tom Clark, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Jim requested permission to purchase a tv monitor for the conference room. The monitor would be used during staff trainings and committee meetings. A motion to approve was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Jerry Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

A Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to WI Stats 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchase of public property was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor via roll-call.

A motion to reconvene in open session was made by Tom Clark, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

A motion to approve hiring Stantec Engineering to do work on the wetland mitigation project was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Tom Clark. All members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25am

Next regular meeting date: September 14, 2021

These minutes will be approved at the September Meeting