

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 9:00am on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Ed Chamberlain, Tom Clark, Norman Stoker, Jerrold Schmidt James Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer.

The Public Review of the Fifteen Year Plan was called to session starting at 8:45am. Jim read aloud comments from Steve Humphrey and Black River Trail Riders. No other comments were given.

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:05am

A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain to approve the November 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.

Tom Plumb owner of Black River Forever LLC was present at the meeting. Discussion regarding purchasing 5 acres of County property was tabled at the November meeting. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to accept the request to purchase 5 acres of County property for development purposes. The motion was seconded by Ed Chamberlain. Karen Thayer, Ed Chamberlain and Norman Stoker voted in favor of the motion. Jerrold Schmidt and Thomas Clark were opposed to the motion, motion carried.

Jon presented the Parks and Trails report. 2021 reservations have begun and are up from the start of 2020. Gravel work and mowing are taking place on the trails.

Parks is looking to purchase a used light duty pick-up truck to use at Wazee lake County Park. After discussion a motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to purchase a 2015 Colorado truck for \$13,823.00. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Gravel bids were reviewed. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to award the projects to Opelt Sand and Gravel as they were the low bidder. The motion was seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

The James Bible land purchase was discussed. An appraisal was done on the 57 acres in the amount of \$47,000.00. Motion to approve selling the property to James Bible at three times the appraised value for a total of \$141,000.00 was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Several timber sales will expire on December 15. Due to poor markets Jim proposed extended them for one year on a free extension. A motion to approve extended all sales without penalty was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor by roll call.

A motion to adjourn at 10:30am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Next regular meeting date: January 12, 2021

These minutes will be approved at the January Meeting