

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. Those present were: Norm Stoker, Merlin Fredrickson, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

Chairman Merlin Fredrickson called the regular meeting to order at 8:30am

Motion made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt approve the minutes from the previous meeting all members voted in favor.

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

**Forestry Report:**

Jackson County received 1 bid for timber sale Tract 42-14 that was advertise for a second time. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to accept the bid from B&M Logging for Tract 42-14 the motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

Portland Implement has a municipal program to trade in our used skid steer for a new model at a cost of \$6.00/hour minus the tires and bucket. A motion was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to trade our skid steer in for a new one. All members voted in favor.

Motion was made by Karen Thayer to replace the counter tops in the conference room and the main lobby, seconded by Norman Stoker. Motion passed, Jerrold Schmidt, noted in opposition to the motion.

Logger asked to haul wood to T and T/Biewer saw mill in Spencer WI using tickets. After discussion, a motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Norman Stoker to allow logger to use tickets on jobs that have no logs and to use cameras to keep track of loads hauled. All members voted in favor.

**Parks & Trails Report:**

Jon presented a resolution for application for aquatic invasive species grant funding. Jackson County is eligible to receive up to \$70,000 on a 75%/25% match. This grant will be used to treat invasive Phragmites at the Wazee Lake Recreation area. Motion by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer to approve the resolution and send it to the County Board. All members voted in favor.

Motion was made to approve the LTE Parks and Trails Laborer position description and hire two LTE Parks and Trails Laborer positions to backfill a vacancy for the full time Parks and Trails Laborer position until the vacancy is filled, at which time the employment of the LTE Parks and Trails Laborer positions will be terminated. These positions shall not exceed 40 hours/week in total. Motion by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schimdt. All members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Norman Stoker to bid out the hauling of approximately 6,000 tons of ¾ base course on the ATV trail system per the bid documents presented to the Committee, seconded by Jerrold Schimdt. All members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Karen Thayer to recruit for a full time Parks and Trails Laborer position, seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am

Next regular meeting date: January 13, 2015

These minutes will be approved at the January meeting