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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

8:30am

Jackson County Forestry & Parks Conference Room

To: Forestry & Parks Committee
Merlin Fredrickson, Chair
Norm Stoker
John Chrest

Karen Thayer
Jerrold Schmidt

8:30 a.m. Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Jackson In Action – Pace & Pedal

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

Forestry Report

- Open tree planting bids
- Spaulding Pond-dredging
- Request to start 4, 10 hour Forestry work days
- Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties

Parks Report:

- Parks and Trails update
- Approval of seasonal job description
- Request to advertise for seasonal workers
- Truck Bids – State Bid Contract
- Permission to advertise for dump trailer

Adjourn – next meeting scheduled for March 10, 2015

Cc:	Dennis Eberhardt – Co Board Chairman	Jackson County Chronicle	Chamber of Commerce
	Ho-Chunk DNR	Eric Zenz – DNR	Cody Caulum – DNR
	Paul Westegard- DNR	Danny Iverson	Larry Whaley – DNR
	Bulletin Board – Courthouse	www.co.jackson.wi.us	

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am, on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Those present were: Norm Stoker, Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, John Chrest, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

Vice Chairman John Chrest called the meeting to order at 8:30am. Chairman Merlin Fredrickson was absent from the meeting.

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

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

Forestry Report:

Jim informed the Committee that logging operations in the County are down, currently we only have 5 jobs going and weather conditions are favorable for loggers at current time.

An easement request in the town of Bear Bluff was reviewed. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to deny the easement request, the motion as seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor. Currently the County is not in practice of giving out easements.

The Jackson County Hwy Department contacted Jim in regards to getting sand fill off the forest. The Hwy Department would like to do some excavating and see if the sand that is available would be feasible for the department to use. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to allow the Hwy Department to check into the sand fill and to use if they found it to be sufficient; the motion was seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Jim asked permission to advertise planting approximately 100,000 trees. This would be done in conjunction with the State. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to go forward with advertising and work with the State; the motion was seconded by Karen Thayer. 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 Karen Thayer, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Karen Thayer to proceed with possible purchase of Onsgard 40, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor. The purchase is contingent on securing grant money and County board approval.

A motion was made to seek legal Counsel from Tom Lister in regards to the Arcelor Mittal iron mine by Jerrold Schmidt. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

A motion to reconvene in open session was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:

Jon informed the Committee about projects that are currently taking place in the Parks. The Prison crew has been out doing brushing along the ATV trails. The department hired John Larkin as an LTE to groom trails; he will start on Wednesday, January 14. Hours will be limited based on snow fall.

Gravel bids for two ATV trail grant projects were reviewed. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to go with Roger's Trucking out of Black River Falls for both grant locations as they were the low bidder for the projects. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

The Committee reviewed the revised Disabled Hunter ATV Permit application. Revisions were made to include verbal assurance when noting a disability as laws have since changed that no longer require an applicant to present proof of their disability. A motion as made by Norman Stoker to adopt the new permit application. The motion was seconded by Karen Thayer, all members voted in favor.

Jon talked about a possible change to the County's tree stand ordinance. After discussion a motion as made by Norman Stoker to postpone the discussion to the February meeting, the motion was seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Jon presented a resolution to be signed honoring Lyle Dobson. Lyle worked for the Jackson County Forestry and Parks Department for 24 years and retired on January 2, 2015. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor,

Jon requested permission to purchase a new desk. A motion as made by Karen Thayer to go forward with the purchase, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am
Next regular meeting date: February 10, 2015
These minutes will be approved at the February Meeting