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JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING Tuesday, January 12, 2016 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

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

Forestry Report

- Permission to Advertise for High Blade – 10 min.
- Permission to Advertise for Truck – 10 min.
- Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (e) to Negotiate the Purchase of Public Properties

Parks Report:

- Parks and Trails report
- ATV Economic Impact Survey Results- 10 min.
- Recreational Facilities Inspections/Tours – 15 min.
- Wazee Gravel Update – 5 min.
- Box Culvert Update-Lighting Design – 10 min.

Adjourn – next meeting set for February 9, 2016

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, December 8, 2015. Those present were: John Chrest, Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

Vice Chairman John Chrest called the regular meeting to order at 8:30am

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

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

DNR Report: Zach Clausing, the new DNR County Liaison was present at the meeting. Zach took over in November for the previous Liaison Cody Caulum. Zach will also serve as the new Pray Ranger.

Forestry Report:

Jim presented to the Committee the results of the sales that were re-bid on Monday, December 7. Only one bid was received on one of the sales, tract 22-15. Motion to approve the bid by D&D Mechanized Pulping for \$36,160.00 was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

The Forestry Department needs to replace 2 computers based on the rotation that was designed by the IT Department. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to approve the purchase of the new computer for Jason Wood. The second computer for Dave Spaude will also be replaced based on the recommendations of IT. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Badger Boring recently contacted Jim in regards to the transmission line and test drilling. Motion to approve the boring was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Parks & Trails Report:

SEH was present to discuss to the continued work on the box culver that will run under Hwy 54. SEH was requesting permission to go forward with the lighting design. The proposal included interior lighting for the tunnel as well as directional lighting. Cost to engineer both items was \$11,600.00. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to approve putting both interior and signal lighting in the final bid project. These items are considered an add on and can be pulled from the final project if the bid comes back too high. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

An Invasive Species Project position has been created due to the large volume of invasive that are present in the Parks. The position was approved in the 2016 budget and will be 100% grant funded. This would be an up to 2 year position and shared with the Forestry Department. Forestry would use the position to work on recon and spraying. A motion was made by Karen Thayer to approve the combined positions, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor. Jim will bring back a proposal at next month's meeting in regards to health insurance. Jon's share of health insurance will be covered by his grant if the applicant needs the benefits.

Jeremy was present at the meeting to talk about updating all the lighting in the parks from florescent to LED. The cost to replace all 256 bulbs would be approximately \$8,500.00. A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer to replace all the lights in the park to LED. All members voted in favor.

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 by rollcall.

Motion to reconvene in open session was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor by roll call.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Karen Thayer. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Next regular meeting date: January 12, 2016

These minutes will be approved at the January Meeting