

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 9:00am on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at the Jackson County Board Room. 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 by Chairman Karen Thayer

A motion was made by Norman Stoker seconded by Ed Chamberlain to approve the minutes from the December meeting, motion carried.

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

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

Jon presented the Parks and Trails monthly report. Staff is performing winter maintenance. Firewood sales were discussed and different options for selling firewood in the Parks. Trails were opened for a short time but now closed due to lack of snow. The Douglas Creek bridge is being installed in Melrose and 110 miles of trails are being mowed using the boom mower.

Zach Clausing was present via ZOOM from the WI-DNR and gave an update. The Black River Service Center is no longer open to the public for any service hours.

Jon updated the Committee on the bid results for two new mowers, a UTV and a Pick-up truck for the department. A motion was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker to award Gross Motors the bid for a 2022 Dodge Ram pick-up for \$34,848.50, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain to award Power Pac the bid for a new UTV in the amount of \$5,678.55 after trade in of \$5,500.00. All members voted in a favor.

A motion was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark to purchase (2) lawn mowers from Woods Sales & Service for \$14,898.00 with a trade allowance of \$2,700.00. All members voted in favor.

The Forestry Department budgeted to purchase a new backhoe. A used 2011 model was found in Caledonia, MN. After discussion Ed advised they go back to the dealer and further price negotiations. Jim asked permission to allow Ed Chamberlain to assist in giving final approval if a machine was found that met all specifications before the February meeting. A motion was made by Norman, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to allow Ed to have the final approval, all members voted in favor.

The Forestry department will be going out for bids to plant 97,000 trees. A motion to approve advertising for tree planters was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn at 10:15am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am

Next regular meeting date: February 8, 2022

These minutes will be approved at the February Meeting