

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, Tom Clark, Jim Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:30am

Motion made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, all members voted in favor.

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

Jon presented the Parks report. Jeremy Breheim continues to work on the dredging permit for Arbutus. Due to the fee increase imposed in 2018 signs are being updated and firewood cutting continues. Jon continues to work on the Wazee master plan.

Brush mowing of the trail system continues. Jon continues to work with the Ho Chunk Nation on the casino trail.

Changes regarding tree stands and temperature restrictions were added to chapter 13. A motion was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by Norman Stoker to approve the chapter 13 changes, all members voted in favor.

The parks department budgeted for a new UTV in 2018. Motion to approve advertising for the new machine and going out for sealed bids was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Jim requested permission the authorization to hire or fill the Forestry Tech position. A motion to approve the request was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Jim met with members of the American Transmission Company (ATC) to discuss the installation of the powerlines on County forest property. Jim informed the committee that it was a good meeting and ATC is agreeable with the requests of the County. A motion to approve the written agreement was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

The old GPS unit previously used the Forestry department was discussed. The unit is currently over 10 years old and Jim requested permission to donate the unit to the school. A motion to okay the donation was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

A motion to go into closed session was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor by roll call.

A motion to resume in open session was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn at 10:30am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

Next regular meeting date: February 13, 2018

These minutes will be approved at the February meeting