

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:00am on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Jackson County Forestry and Parks office. Those in attendance were: Ed Chamberlain, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Dale Hoff, John Higgins, James Zahasky and Ashley Stetzer

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00am by Chairman Ed Chamberlain

A motion was made by John Higgins to approve the minutes from the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Dale Hoff, all members voted in favor.

A motion to approve the bills for payment was made by John Higgins, seconded by Dale Hoff. All members voted in favor.

Zach Clausing from the WI-DNR presented a power point presentation about recent elk calf searches and prescribed burns in Jackson County. Scott Roepke and Christina Maley were also present to discuss changes with the DNR Wildlife Biologist positions.

Jim gave a Forestry and Parks report. Dave continues to work with Blue Source regarding carbon credits. A presentation will be done in the future. Foresters continue recon and herbicide spraying. Parks day use numbers are down as well as the number of machines on the trail system. The trail system is being groomed 4.5 days a week and at this time the entire system is not being groomed. Some areas are being groomed only every other week. The emergency access in the back of East Arbutus is being completed and can be used during the upcoming construction on Clay School Road.

A resolution to combine the Forestry and Parks budget was discussed. A combined fund balance not to exceed \$500,000 was added to the resolution. A motion to approve the resolution and send to the executive and finance committee was made by John Higgins, seconded by Dale Hoff, all members voted in favor.

Recently bids were put out for 3 moss marshes. One bid was received for marsh number 52 by Hancock Brothers of Warrens for \$1,350.00. A motion to approve was made by Tom Clark, seconded by Dale Hoff. All members voted in favor.

The Jackson County Outdoor Recreation plan (CORP) was recently completed. A motion to approve the resolution to accept the 2022-2026 CORP plan was made by Dale Hoff and seconded by John Higgins. All members voted in favor. A CORP is in needed to apply for grant funding on future project.

The 2021 annual report was previously sent to the Committee members for review. After a brief discussion a motion to approve as made by John Higgins, seconded by Dale Hoff. All members voted in favor. The annual report will go the full County Board in August.

Recently the Assistant Administrator position was vacated. Jim discussed with the Committee changes they'd like to see to the existing job description before the position was posted for hire. A motion was made by John Higgins to change the requirement of being a law enforcement officer to "preferred" but not required to be eligible to apply. The motion as seconded by Jerry Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

A motion was also made by Dale Hoff to post the Assistant Administrator internally within the County first. The motion was seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn at 9:05am was made by Ed Chamberlain, the motion was seconded by Dale Hoff. All members voted in favor. The August meeting will be at the Jackson County Courthouse at 8:30am on August 9. A special budget meeting will be on Tuesday, August 23 at 8:30am if the budget is not discussed at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05am

Next regular meeting date: August 9, 2022

These minutes will be approved at the August Meeting