

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Those present were: Karen Thayer, John Chrest, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Jim Zahasky and Jeremy Breheim.

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

Motion made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, all members voted in favor.

Motion made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the minutes from the Logger's meeting held on June 6, all members voted in favor.

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

Jeremy Breheim was present at the meeting and presented the Parks and trails report. The Pace & Pedal event was held at Wazee Lake on May 20. Despite the rain and wet conditions it was a successful turnout. The inmate crew that is used to clean-up parks has been gone since mid-May to help with cleanup relief from tornados in northern Wisconsin. Trails were very busy over Memorial weekend. Grooming continues and rehab work is being done on those areas that need them.

A motion was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker to approve sending Jon Schweitzer to the Snowmobile council meeting in July on an overnight stay. All members voted in favor.

A representative from Curly Creek Furniture was in attendance to present the playground structure that will be placed at Wazee Lake beach. Funding will come from the WE Energies gift of \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt for Jeremy Breheim to assist in designing a playset for children ages 5-12 years old. The budget should not exceed \$12,000.00. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Torger Mikelson is once again requesting permission to use East Arbutus for the July 1 fireworks display. Fireworks will be launched from 2 barges off the main beach at East Arbutus. A motion to approve the special events permit per insurance information being updated was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

On the morning of May 26 Jon Schweitzer struck a deer with the Parks squad vehicle. 2 quotes were obtained from Wild Body Shop in the amount of \$3,459.00 and Popp's Auto Body in the amount of \$2,884.00. County Clerk, Kyle Deno, will pay the \$1,000.00 deductible out of her account for the damage. A motion to approve Popp's Auto body as the low bid for repairs was made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

A motion to table the Forestry and Parks annual report until July was made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Bug Tussel cell towers was present at the meeting to discuss a location for their 255 foot wireless internet tower. Payments of \$6,000.00 annually would be given to the County for use of their land located on Hwy 54 across from the Ho Chunk Nation pow wow grounds. Jim Zahasky recommended contacting SEH to assist in the negotiations of the tower as well as the Ho Chunk Nation and Corporation Counsel. A motion to go along with Jim's recommendation and contact those 3 parties was made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

At the timber bid opening held on June 12, one tract of timber was sold to Strzok Logging. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the one sold sale. The remaining sales will be offered on direct sale until 1 month before the fall bid opening where they will be included in the sale packet for the fall 2017 bids. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Moss Marsh #11 was sold at the June 12 bid opening for \$4,000.00. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve the one sold sale and sell the remaining sales at minimum bid until spring of 2018. Thomas Clark seconded the motion, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by John Chrest, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the resolution for employee compensation for the Assistant Administrator. All members voted in favor.

An additional merit increase for the LTE employee was discussed. A motion was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the .32 increase. All members voted in favor.

A motion to approve the resolution to withdraw .19 acres from County land was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Jim informed the committee about a logger who currently is behind in payment. Jim recommends putting the first strike against S&M Forestry of Ogema, WI. S&M is currently sub-contracting sale JC-2448 that was bought by TJ Raese. A motion to approve Jim's recommendation and place the first strike on S&M Forestry was made by John Chrest. A letter will be sent giving them until the end of the week to pay the balance in full. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

The sign agreement for the billboard located on interstate 94 was discussed. A motion was made by John Chrest to agree to the offer of \$700.00 a year for the first 5 years to lease the sign. After 5 years the annual payment to the County will go up to \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. Both Karen Thayer and Thomas Clark were in favor the motion, the motion was opposed by Jerrold Schmidt, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 11:00am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Next regular meeting date: July 11, 2017

These minutes will be approved at the July Meeting