

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 9:00am on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Jackson County Forestry & Parks office. Those in attendance were: Ed Chamberlain, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Dale Hoff, John Higgins, James Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer, Jeremy Brehehim, Chris Repking and Ashley Stetzer

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chairman Ed Chamberlain

A motion was made by Jerry Schmidt to approve the minutes from the May meeting. The motion was seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

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

Zach Clausing from the WI-DNR was present and gave an update.

Jon gave the Parks and Trails report. The new parking lot at Wazee will be completed this summer. Day use revenue is down to due poor weather and high gas prices. Trails are being groomed and adjustments are being made to the groomer to fix some problem areas.

Members of the Jackson County ATV Club were present to talk about issues on the ORV trails. There have been several complaints from people in the Community as well as social media about the current trail conditions being rough. Jon presented the committee with 3 options to consider including combining budgets, giving trails back the State and keeping things as is. After discussion a motion was made by John Higgins to go with option number 1, to combine Forestry and Parks budgets. The motion was seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Jim presented 3 Moss sales requesting permission to advertise. A motion was made by John Higgins to approve the moss sales and advertise for purchase. The motion was seconded by Tom Clark, all members voted in favor.

Chris Repking was present at the meeting to request permission to purchase a 2012 John Deere 401K Backhoe. The asking price is \$69,000.00 with a trade in allowance on the existing machine of \$29,000.00. Forestry is also requesting a hydraulic thumb. This brings the final total to \$49,250.00. The budgeted amount for this machine was \$60,000.00. A motion to approve the purchase was made by John Higgins, seconded by Dale Hoff. All members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn at 11:05am was made by Tom Clark, seconded by John Higgins. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05am

Next regular meeting date: July 12, 2022

These minutes will be approved at the July Meeting