

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, Ed Chamberlain, John Higgins, Jim Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Chairperson Karen Thayer.

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

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

Personnel Director, Susie Minerz, was present to discuss the 2018 Employee merit increases. Everyone with a successful annual review received the increase. A motion was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Ed Chamberlain to approve the increases, all members voted in favor.

County Attorney Garrett Nix was at the meeting to review the Jackson County Moss Marsh Contract. Annually the Forestry department receives about \$10,000 in mowing revenue. Discussion was made on whether or not to require liability insurance on the contract. After consideration a motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to add the liability insurance requirement to the contract. The motion was seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor by roll call.

Motion to reconvene in open session made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to supersede and replace last months resolution, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Jon presented the monthly Parks report. 2018 was a record Memorial Day weekend. It was estimated that 3-5,000 vehicles entered the parks system. The dredging permit was recently approved by the State. The Executive and Finance Committee approved an upgraded flush toilet facility at Wazee lake costing approximately \$85,000. This project will be completed using the ATC (American Transmission Company) funds that the county will be receiving.

Jon passed out a bid packet to dredge approximately 1400 cubic yards of material near site 119 at East Arbutus. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to approve going out for bids for the dredging project. The motion was seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

County Board Chairman Ray Ransom was present at the meeting requesting permission to grant all county employees, and County Board Members free admission into any county park. After discussion a motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to grant free access to any Jackson County employee by showing their employee badge upon entry. The motion was seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45am was made by Karen Thayer, seconded by Ed Chamberlain. All members voted in favor.

Next regular meeting date: July 10, 2018  
These minutes will be approved at the July meeting