

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Norman Stoker, Ed Chamberlain, John Higgins, Jerrold Schmidt, James Zahasky, Jon Schweitzer.

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

Motion made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Higgins to approve minutes from the May meeting, all members voted in favor.

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

Scott Roepke and Zach Clausing from the WI-DNR were present at the meeting and gave updates regarding fire season and the current elk population.

The meeting resumed at the Wazee Lake County Park to tour the new concession building.

Jon reviewed the septic bids for the new concession building. Schoen Plumbing bid \$35,300.00, DanMark Plumbing bid \$40,280.17 and Halverson Plumbing submitted a bid of \$46,368.50. A motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to approve hiring Schoen Plumbing as they are the lower bidder on the project, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

There are currently areas on the ATV/UTV trail system that remain undeveloped and offer a more wet and muddy terrain. A trail is also in place that allows those riders that do not want to go through the mud to get around. After listening to patrons' requests to keep the area undeveloped Jon requested permission to talk to the County Attorney about leaving these areas alone. A motion to approve Jon speaking with the Attorney and if acceptable leave areas alone with 2 trail options was made by John Higgins, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Jim discussed with the Committee in May options for tick prevention. A motion to approve purchasing a washer and dryer for the Forestry & Parks shop for \$397 for each machine was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

The Secretary wage increase was discussed. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to approve a 6% wage increase of \$1.09/hour. The motion was seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

The Wisconsin County Forest Association summer tour will be in Jackson County June 19-21. Currently 114 people are registered to attend.

One of the Forestry technicians still needs to complete his CDL certification. Jim requested permission to hire Hands on CDL School to assist in training for the test at a rate of \$75.00 an hour. A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt to limit the training to 4 hours, the motion was seconded by Karen Thayer. John Higgins, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker and Karen Thayer voted in favor of the motion, Ed Chamberlain was opposed. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 11:15am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Higgins, all members voted in favor.

Next regular meeting date: July 9, 2019
These minutes will be approved at the July Meeting