

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Those present were: Norman Stoker, Karen Thayer, John Chrest, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

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

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

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

A request to move the agenda item regarding the Bunk House agreement was granted by Chairman Karen Thayer. Derek Kunding was not able to make the February meeting and asked to be once again placed on the agenda regarding his lease agreement. Derek proposed eliminating the \$1500.00 lease fee and investing the \$1500.00 into the trail and submitting receipts for the completed work. A motion was made by John Chrest to table the request and talk to corporation counsel regarding a new agreement bring that back to the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Jeremy presented the seasonal employee weekend bonus proposal. All seasonal employees would be eligible for a bonus at the end of the season by meeting a 24 minimum shift requirement after noon on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. A motion to approve the proposal was made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

At the request of Karen Thayer the Loggers meeting request was moved up on the agenda. Danny Iverson was present requesting a meeting be set up with the Forestry Committee as well as the County Board Chairman and DNR officials to discuss regulations. The meeting was set for Monday, April 18 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Jackson County Board room.

Jon presented his parks and trails report. Parks staff has completed one of the County Forest signs to replace the broken and rotting signs on Hwy 54. Jeremy is working on applying for the DNR permit to place the new dive platform at Wazee Lake and the prison crew has completed some brushing on the ATV trails. A ribbon cutting date for the box culvert on Hwy 54 has been set for Friday, May 5 at 10:00am.

Arcelor-Mittal signed both the Release and Termination Agreements drafted by Corporation Counsel. The County may now proceed with mining the additional reserves on the former mine site

The Forestry Department is looking to purchase a new dozer to replace the current one that is 10 years old. After consideration a motion was made by John Chrest to approve the purchase of the CAT dozer for \$83,900.00. The motion also states to purchase the additional 84 month bumper to bumper warranty for \$3,690.00. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

A driveway permit request on Funmaker road in the town of Brockway was discussed. The driveway is approximately 4,700 feet bringing the permit fee to \$1,835.00. Co-op Credit Union requested to be added to the permit as the mortgage holder for the property. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the driveway permit and add Co-op Credit Union to the permit. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norma Stoker. All members agreed by a rollcall vote.

A motion to go into open session was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by John Chrest, all members agreed by rollcall.

A motion was made in open session by Norman Stoker to hire Ron Olson to do an appraisal of the 360 acre Bouska property for \$2,850.00. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by John Chrest to send a resolution to the County Board to apply for the Knowles-Nelson stewardship grant for the Bouska 360 acre parcel. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Next regular meeting date: April 11, 2017

These minutes will be approved at the April Meeting