

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, Tom Clark, John Chrest, Jim Zahasky, 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 John Chrest, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to approve the bills as presented for payment. All members voted in favor.

Shaun Lescher with Drop Shot Studio was present at the meeting to share his proposal of an interactive ATV map. Using google earth Shaun has creating a mapping system that can be updated in real time. Users can access this map from their mobile devices, computers, etc. The proposal is to have the map ready for the May 15 trail opening. Total cost for the project is \$900.00. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve implementing the interactive map, the motion was seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Chief Deputy Moan along with Captain Adam Olson were present at the meeting to discuss the annual Sherriff's Department allotment. After discussion a motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by Thomas Clark to table the discussion and bring back at a future meeting. All members voted in favor.

Randy Bjerke was in attendance regarding the implementation of the County Disabled Veteran vehicle pass. To be eligible for the pass the individual must possess a WI State Park & Forest Disabled or POW ID card. This would allow them free access to the parks, not including camping. Motion to approve the free pass was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

Jon presented the members of the Wazee RDP Committee. This advisory committee would be to discuss the future of Wazee Lake. A motion to approve the Committee and appoint Jerry Schmidt as the County Board representative was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Derek Kundiger representing Doc's Bunkhouse was in attendance to discuss a possible 3:1 land trade. Kundinger is offering to trade 760 of his property for 253.3 acres of County property. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to have Jim Zahasky visit the property in question and come back to the April meeting with more information. The motion was seconded by John Chrest, all members voted in favor.

A request to purchase 60 acres of County Forest land for cranberry harvest expansion was discussed. Jim Bible proposed purchasing 60 acres of land west of Wazee Lake on Castle Mound road. Jim Zahasky will research a possible lease option and gather more information to be brought back at the April meeting.

DNR Liaison Zach Clausing requested approval for the 2018 Jackson County Emergency Fire Warden list. A motion to approve was made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Friends of the Black River would once again like to do clean-up efforts on the forest. Total cost to provide a dumpster and lunch is approximately \$600.00. A motion to approve the clean-up was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Jim requested that Foresters be allowed to return to the 4/10-hour day shifts due to the time change. A motion was made by Thomas Clark, seconded by John Chrest to approve annually changing the shifts at the day light savings time change. All members voted in favor. Jim will discuss the motion with Personnel before implementation.

The County would like to purchase a salt spreader to be used at both the Courthouse as well as the Forestry Department. Jim volunteered to share the cost of the salt spreader in turn allowing the Forestry department to use it at the main office building as well as Wazee Lake. A motion to approve Jim paying for half of the spreader was made

by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor. Total estimate is \$4,388.00 in which Forestry will share \$2,194.00 of the cost.

Jim presented the truck bids for review. After consideration a motion was made by John Chrest to purchase the 2018 Dodge Ram from Gross Motors in Black River Falls with a total bid of \$22,720.00 due to service cost differences. Gross Motors was the second lowest bid by \$287.00. The motion also included the Ram box upgrade of \$1,295.00 and installation of Bluetooth for \$195.00. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30am was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Next regular meeting date: April 10, 2018

These minutes will be approved at the April meeting