

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Those present were: Karen Thayer, John Chrest, Jerrold Schmidt, Thomas Clark, Norman Stoker, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer.

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

Motion made by John Chrest, 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.

Jon presented the parks and trails report. Clean-up continues in the Parks to prepare for the summer season. There has recently been vandalism taking place at Wazee Lake Park. Jon is working with law enforcement to stop this issue. The Pace & Pedal event is scheduled to take place at Wazee on Saturday, May 20.

The ATV/UTV trails will open for the summer season on May 12. On Friday, May 5 a successful ribbon cutting event took place to spotlight the new box culvert under Hwy 54.

A motion was made by John Chrest, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt to award the 2017 materials bid to Milestone Materials. The bid was for the Wazee pit. Prices were listed as \$4.88/ton until May 31. As of June 1 prices would go up to \$4.97/ton.

Recently Corporation Counsel met with the attorney from the Wisconsin DNR to finalize the grooming agreement between the Black River State Forest and Jackson County. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to accept the revised agreement, the motion was seconded by Jerry Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

Derek Kunder recently requested that his lease agreement with the County be changed. He would like the work that is done on the County trail that leads to his business known as Doc's Bunkhouse be done in exchange for his payment. After review by Corporation Counsel a motion was made by John Chrest to keep the lease as is, and make no changes to his agreement. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

The current boat mooring agreement was reviewed. The price was \$500.00 to moor a boat annually starting April 1 until November 1. A motion was made by John Chrest to reduce the annual fee to \$250.00. John also made the motion that there will be no overnight mooring at West Arbutus unless the party is actively engaged in camping. The motion was seconded by Jerrold Schmidt, all members voted in favor.

Diane Peterson, Jackson County Personnel Director, was present at the meeting requesting a special events permit be approved for a June 10 employee picnic at East Arbutus. She also requested that the shelter fee and entrance fee be wave. A motion to approve the request and wave all fees was made by John Chrest, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members voted in favor.

Recently employee performance reviews were completed and a request to approve compensation was discussed. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the employee compensation request. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Jim requested that invasive species control be contracted out, primarily for the control of buckthorn. Currently he has a budget of \$20,000.00. A motion to approve contracting was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

10 sales recently sold out of the 16 tracts that were up for bid. Markets are currently down and the unpredictable winters have made logging difficult when conditions are not frozen. A motion to approve the 10 sales that did sell was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. The motion also included to re-bid the 6 tracts of timber that did not sell in June. All members voted in favor.

Jim requested that 3 moss marshes be advertised totaling 67 acres. A motion was made by Norman Stoker to advertise the marshes, seconded by Jerrold Schmidt. All members voted in favor.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85(1)(e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark. All members agreed by a rollcall vote.

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

A motion was made in open session by Jerrold Schmidt to not have a phase I Environmental assessment done on the Bouska 360 acre parcel. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by John Chrest to assign the County purchase offer to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. All members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Jerrold Schmidt, seconded by John Chrest to approve the driveway permit to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation at no cost because of the assistance that they are providing to Jackson County. All members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by John Chrest. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am

Next regular meeting date: June 13, 2017

These minutes will be approved at the June Meeting