

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

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 minutes from the September meeting, all members voted in favor.

Chairman Karen Thayer noted the November meeting date will need to be moved, the new date was set for Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 8:30am.

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

Scott Roepke, DNR Wildlife Biologist updated the Committee on hunting season and a new disease affecting the deer population.

Parks are slowly winding down, staff is currently grinding stumps and preparing for the fall season. Trails are closed due to flooding; a decision will be made if they will be able to stay open until the October 15 deadline.

The parks department budgeted for a new pick-up truck. A request was made to spec out a truck that offers built in truck boxes. A motion to approve the request was made by John Higgins, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Jackson County is once again applying for a County Conservation Aid Grant. The money this year will be used to create more wildlife openings using a \$2,691.00 grant match from RMEF (Rocky Mountain Elk Federation) A motion to approve the grant request was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Jim presented the Committee with the 2020 work plan. The plan outlines projects and goals for the upcoming year. A motion to approve the Forestry and Parks 2020 workplan and send to County Board for approval was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

After review a motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to approve the advertisement of the fall 2019 timber sale packet. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jim requested permission to put several items on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction website. Items include a dump truck and pick-up truck. Disk and mower, 2 tiger trucks used in the Parks along with several other miscellaneous items. A motion to approve the request was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by John Higgins, 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 Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

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

Next regular meeting date: November 13, 2019 *Date change*
These minutes will be approved at the November Meeting