



# Jackson County Forestry and Parks Department

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## JACKSON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS MEETING

October 13, 2020 \* 9:00am

*Jackson County Board Room - Jackson County Courthouse*

To: *Forestry & Parks Committee*

Karen Thayer - Chairperson

Norm Stoker

Thomas Clark

Ed Chamberlain

Jerrold Schmidt

9:00am

Call to Order - Chairman Karen Thayer

Call to Order

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Audit Bills

Chamber of Commerce Report

DNR Report

### **Parks Report:**

- Forestry & Parks Report

### **Forestry Report:**

- Approve Timber Sales
- Direct Timber Sales
- Driveway Permit Application
- Review Truck Bids
- 10 Hour Work Days Continuation
- Tractor Update, and Purchase
- 15-year Plan Public Participation
- *Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(e) to negotiate the purchase of public properties*

Adjourn – next meeting set for November 10, 2020

Cc: Ray Ransom – Co Board Chairman  
Ho-Chunk DNR  
Bulletin Board – Courthouse

Chamber of Commerce  
Eric Zenz – DNR  
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Zach Clausing - DNR  
Susie Meinerz- Human Resources

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 9:00am on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Those present were: Karen Thayer, Ed Chamberlain, Tom Clark, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, James Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer,

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chair Karen Thayer

Chairman Thayer re-arranged the agenda and moved the long-term camping discussion to the beginning of the meeting.

Three separate long-term campers spoke at the meeting. Dale Hoff of Black River Falls, Cindy George of Ettrick and Jo Chrest of Black River Falls. After discussion a motion was made by Jerry Schmidt to go forward with the plan that was set at the August meeting. Seasonal camping dates would be May 15 to September 15 with a set rate of \$2,500.00 for lakeside sites and \$2,200.00 for electric-off the water sites. The motion was seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker to approve the August minutes, all members voted in favor.

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

Jon presented the parks and trails report. Parks still do not have the help of the prison crew inmates, currently 4 seasonal workers helping into the fall. Jon was asked to sit on a legislative committee that will be working on trail regulations in regards to manufacturer specifications of future machines on the trails. There will be a virtual ATV funding meeting at the end of September.

Jon discussed the 2020 end of year purchases and the 2021 budget with the Committee. Parks would like to purchase a four-in-one bucket for the skid steer. Purchases for 2021 include a one-ton pick-up truck with a plow attachment. After review a motion was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker to approve the 2021 budget as presented. All members voted in favor.

Jim presented the 2021 Forestry budget. After discussion a motion was made by Tom Clark to approve the 2021 Forestry budget, the motion was seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve 2021 work plan, outlining goals for the Forestry and Parks department. The motion was seconded by Tom Clark, all members voted in favor.

The Committee discussed the purchase of a new tractor for the Forestry department. A motion was made by Ed Chamberlain to put the purchase of the used Challenger tractor on hold until more information was obtained on the leased John Deere tractor buy-out option. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jim would like to sell the smaller 2-wheel drive 5203 John Deere tractor. The tractor has low hours and comes with a 3-point hitch. A motion to sell the tractor and set a reserve amount of \$14,000.00 was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

The Forestry department requested permission to advertise for sale the 2011 Chevrolet truck. The truck has 92,000 miles on it. The department would also like to go out for bids for a new Forestry truck A motion was made by Ed Chamberlain, seconded by Norman Stoker to sell the 2011 pick-up truck and advertise for a new truck for the department. All members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn at 12:00pm was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Ed Chamberlain, all members voted in favor.

Next regular meeting date: October 13, 2020

These minutes will be approved at the October Meeting