

The regular monthly meeting for Jackson County Forestry & Parks Department was held at 8:30am on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. Those present were: Karen Thayer, John Chrest, Jerrold Schmidt, Norman Stoker, Thomas Clark, Jim Zahasky and Jon Schweitzer

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

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

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

A motion to go into closed session was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor by roll call.

A motion to resume in open session was made by Norman Stoker, seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

Jim presented the Bouska land purchase resolution. A motion to approve the resolution was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Jim discussed the current status of TJ Raese & Company Logging and their past due payments. Under recommendation from Corporation Counsel Jackson County Forestry has retained 4 cash bonds to cover the NSF check that was written for sale JC-2444 in the amount of \$14,315.00 plus a \$20.00 service fee. Raese still has 2 open sales that will expire on June 15, 2018. A motion was made by John Chrest to approve retaining the bonds to cover the NSF checks and close the sale. The motion also included holding on the 2 remaining sales until their expiration date. The motion was seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jon presented the parks report and informed the Committee that camping revenue is expected to reach a record high for 2017. Work continues on wild life openings and grooming of trails is being done on a weekly basis.

Jon was asked to participate in a statewide ATV/UTV Committee that will be instrumental in developing guideless for the ATV/UTV trails. A motion was made by John Chrest to grant Jon permission to sit on this committee, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Fahrner Asphalt submitted a quote for crack filling at East and West Arbutus as well as Wazee Lake in the amount of \$7,425.00. A motion to approve Fahrner to complete this project was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Recently a press release was sent out regarding the drawdown of Lake Arbutus approximately 5.5 feet. This process began the Tuesday following Labor Day and could potentially be down until 2019. After discussion a motion was made by Norman Stoker to approve dropping the lakeside-electric fees at East Arbutus to \$22.00/night. Fees at West Arbutus would remain the same. The daily vehicle admission fee would be raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00, with annuals going to \$30.00. A new motorcycle pass would be implemented at \$3.00/motorcycle. The fee decrease at Lake Arbutus would only be in place until the lake levels returned, then at that time the normal \$25.00/night fee for lakeside electric sites would be resumed. The motion was seconded by Thomas Clark, all members voted in favor.

A motion was made by John Chrest to approve the 2018 Parks budget with the removal of the basketball court and the alternative exit at East Arbutus. The motion as seconded by Norman Stoker, all members voted in favor.

Jim presented the Forestry budget. A motion was made by John Chrest to accept the 2018 Forestry budget as presented, the motion was seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

A motion to adjourn at 11:45am was made by John Chrest, seconded by Norman Stoker. All members voted in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45am
Next regular meeting date: October 10, 2017
These minutes will be approved at the October Meeting