



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 14, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Marinette County Courthouse

1926 Hall Ave., 3rd Floor, Room C314

Marinette, WI 54143

Members Present: Supervisors William Walker, Russ Bousley, Ken Mattison, Laurence Nichols and Allen Mans

Others Present: County Forest and Parks Administrator Pete Villas, Administrator Ellen Sorensen, Assistant Forest Administrator Marcus Issacson, Pat Petraska and Heidi Dumke with Northern Saddle Club, DNR Dan Mertz & Dave Halfmann, Administrative Assistant Kellie Hartman and Peshtigo Times

1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Agenda

MOTION (Mattison/Mans) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

3. Minutes

MOTION (Bousley/Mans) to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Presentation by the Northern Saddle Club on Horeshoe Falls Equestrian Trail

Pat Petraska spoke of the Northern Saddle Club's history, its activities and the developed relationship between the Club and Marinette County. He gave an update on the planned upgrades this year to the Horeshoe Falls Equestrian Trail.

6. Sustainable Forestry Conference on April 11, 2013

MOTION (Mans/Mattison) to authorize the Committee members and Forestry staff to attend the Sustainable Forestry Conference on April 11, 2013 in Florence, WI and to authorize the payment of per diem and mileage to the Committee members attending. Motion carried.

7. WCFA 2013 summer Tour on June 26 – 28, 2013 in Keshena, WI

MOTION (Nichols/Mattison) to authorize the Committee members and Forestry staff to attend the WCFA 2013 summer Tour on June 26 – 28, 2013 in Keshena, WI and to authorize the payment of the per diem and mileage to the Committee members attending. Motion carried.

8. Set date for Spring 2013 Timber Sale

MOTION (Bousley/Mans) to have the bids for the Spring 2013 Timber Sale due by 4:30 p.m. on April 23rd, 2013 with bid opening at 9:00 a.m. on April 24th, 2013 at the Forestry & Parks Office and to award the bids on Thursday, April 25th, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. during the Forestry & Parks Committee meeting. Motion carried.

9. Informational: update on vacant Forester position

The Forestry Administrator reported a new forester has been hired and will report to work on Monday, March 18, 2013 at the Wausaukee shop. No action taken.

10. Informational: update on Nelson-Knowles Stewardship Grant

The Forestry Administrator reported he received a letter from the state approving the Nelson-Knowles Stewardship Grant for the 40 acres parcel in the Town of Amberg. No action taken.

11. Correspondence

None

12. Report on Forestry Division Activities field accomplishments of Forestry Crew & Foresters

Marcus Isaacson presented the Forestry Division Office February's 2013 Activity Report. Distributed report attachment (a)

13. DNR Forestry Liaison Officer Report on DNR activities on County Forest Land

Dan Mertz reported the DNR is currently at 81% of the hours provided to the County. He reminded the Committee to report any evidence of marijuana growth on County land to the Sheriff's Department and to take the necessary safety precautions.

14. Discuss/Consider Schedule of Invoices

Committee reviewed February's schedule of invoices totaling \$18,008.05. No action taken.

15. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of February's totaled \$141,728.80. Revenue is (\$88,701.05) less than 2012 revenue at this time. Distributed report attachment (b)

16. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for April 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

17. Recess

The Committee recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Kellie Hartman
Administrative Assistant Forestry