



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 2009
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, Allen Mans, and Laurence Nichols

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Others Present: County Forest and Parks Administrator John Scott, Public Works Director Mark Desotell, Assistant Forest Administrator Pete Villas, DNR Joe Schwantes, Forestry Secretary Lynn Swiatnicki and Peshtigo Times

1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Agenda

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Minutes

MOTION (Mattison/Mans) to approve the minutes of March 5th, 2009. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Discuss/Consider Band Saw Mill bids

No action taken.

5. Discuss/Consider request to acquire gravel from county forest land by private contractor

Administrator Scott reported Highway 141 is scheduled for construction project including passing lanes. Private contractors, in order to be close to project, may look to county forest for up to 80,000 yards of fill and gravel. **MOTION** (Mattison/Mans) to authorize Administrator to negotiate use of county gravel pit for Hwy 141 construction project by private contractor. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

6. Discuss/Consider request to transfer fractional SWSW of Section 26 T37N R21E County Forest Lands for private property fractional SESE Section 27 T37N R21E including Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Land Withdrawal

To resolve an encroachment issue the State of Wisconsin DNR advised Marinette County to trade a portion of county forest land or require removal of buildings. Charles and Matthew Lemke have agreed to trade a 2.07 acre parcel described as the fractional SESE of Sec. 27 T37N-R21E, Town of Pembine, valued at \$27,500 to the county. The Forestry Department has proposed a land trade of the fractional SWSW of Sec. 26 T37N-R21E approx. .75 acres, Town of Pembine, valued at \$17,000 to the Lemkes for the 2.07 acre parcel. **MOTION** (Bousley/Mans) to recommend the proposed land trade including Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Land Withdrawal and forward to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

7. Request authorization for budget transfer from Outlay account 100-28-56110-890 to 100-28-56110-291 Purchase of Service for timber sale software programming services

Services were rendered for Forestry system software enhancement to allow a second bid option for tracts. **MOTION** (Mans/Mattison) to approve budget transfer of \$3,180.00 from Outlay account #100-28-56110-890 to Purchase of Service account #100-28-56110-291. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

8. Discuss/Consider Marinette County Forest Annual Report

John Scott presented the Marinette County Forest Annual Report. **MOTION** (Nichols/Bousley) to accept annual report and place on file. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

9. Discuss/Consider tax deed land sale date and set prices

MOTION (Bousley/Mattison) to set tax delinquent land sale date for June 15th, at 9:00 a.m., approve prices as amended on tax delinquent properties and inclusion of additional parcel contingent upon court decision regarding vacating judgment. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

10. Request authorization for staff and committee members to attend WCFA Summer Tour in Clark County June 18th, and 19th, 2009

MOTION (Bousley/Mattison) to authorize staff and committee members to attend WCFA summer tour in Clark County June 18th and 19th, 2009. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

11. Correspondence

John Scott reported date for Wisconsin County Forests Association board meeting as May 1st.

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

Pete Villas presented the Forestry Division Office March 2009 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

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

Joe Schwantes, DNR, reported county forest time standard hours at 3,200. Prescribed burns will take place at Thunder Mountain and Athelstane Barrens. Handouts regarding Kirtland's warblers and Washburn County economic conditions were distributed.

14. Monthly invoices

MOTION (Mattison/Nichols) to approve the Schedule of Vouchers. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

15. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of March totaled \$262,229.92. Revenue is \$250,380.95 more than 2008 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

16. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m.

17. Recess

Recess at 11:27 a.m. Reconvene Parks Meeting at 11:38 a.m.