



## MINUTES

### FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 5, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Marinette County Courthouse

1926 Hall Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room C314

Marinette, WI 54143

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

**Members Excused:** Ken Mattison

**Members Absent:** Ken Mattison

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

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

#### 2. Agenda

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

#### 3. Minutes

**MOTION** (Mans/Nichols) to approve the minutes of July 8, 2010. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

#### 4. Public Comment

Chair Walker stated there has not been any purchase or trade of lands that has not gone to county board for approval. John Scott reported landowners contact the county to sell their property since they recognize it as an opportunity for sale or wish to have property as county land for public use.

#### 5. Discuss/Consider disposal of surplus equipment

Administrator Scott listed four vehicles currently as surplus and two vehicles that will be available as surplus next spring. **MOTION** (Mans/Bousley) to declare four vehicles as surplus. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

#### 6. Discuss/Consider request from the Dun-Good Riders Club for year-round access to the Shrine Area on County Forest

**MOTION** (Mans/Bousley) to approve request for snowmobile/atv year-round access to the Shrine Area on County Forest with the club to maintain and police the area and facilities. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**7. Update on Wausaukee Baseball Fields, conveying to Village/Town of Wausaukee**

Survey map of Wausaukee Baseball Fields was distributed. Survey includes 20' wide underground utility easement on east side. Electric boxes for county fair are outside survey area. Deeds will be drafted to Village/Town with reversionary clause to Marinette County.

**8. Update on discussions with City of Peshtigo regarding parcel #271-00613.001**

Administrator Scott reported county parcel as mostly wooded, high ground. A light thin on east side and a heavy thin in middle of parcel would be hired out.

**9. Request authorization for staff and committee members to attend Lakes States Logging Congress**

**MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to authorize staff and committee members to attend Lake States Logging Congress on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay, WI. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**10. Discuss/Consider 2011 Sustainable Forestry Grant Application**

**MOTION** (Nichols/Mans) to approve Sustainable Forestry Grant application which includes recon and timber sale backlog. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**11. Discuss/Consider 2011 User Fee Schedule**

Administrator Scott presented the committee with a 2011 User Fee Schedule Report. **MOTION** (Bousley/Mans) to accept the 2011 User Fee Schedule with recommendation to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**12. Set date for Annual Forestry and Parks Budget Meeting**

**MOTION** (Mans/Nichols) to set the Forestry and Parks Budget Meeting date for Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**13. Discuss/Consider fall timber sale date**

**MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to set fall timber sale bid opening date for Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> with sale award date set for Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**14. Correspondence**

John Scott reported Jane Severt, Wisconsin County Forest Association Executive Director, was meeting with Paul DeLong, Chief State Forester at 1:00 today. State is discussing consideration of gathering permits for tribal members.

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

Pete Villas presented the Forestry Division Office July 2010 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

**16. DNR Forestry Liaison Officer Report on DNR activities on County Forest Land**

Joe Schwantes, DNR, distributed DNR fiscal year Activity Report of WDNR Assistance of Marinette County Forest. Marinette County SFI certification audit will be held on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, current county forest time standard hours are at 305 and County/DNR Partnership meeting will be held September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Dave Halfmann, DNR, reported early bird detection of Kirtland Warbler with a male banded at a nest location from last year. After June, however, there was no nesting activity to report. Invasive work at Athelstane Barrens to control knapweed and scarification of two sites to provide good acorn production was accomplished.

**17. Monthly invoices**

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

**18. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report**

Revenue for the month of July totaled \$219,482.46. Revenue is \$155,423.65 more than 2009 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

**19. Schedule next meeting date**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

**20. Recess**

Recess at 10:55 a.m. Reconvene Parks Meeting at 11:10 a.m.