



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 9, 2007

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, and Laurence Nichols

Members Excused: Allen Mans

Members Absent: Allen Mans

Others Present: County Forestry and Parks Administrator John Neilio, DNR Cole Couvillion, Joe Schwantes and Aaron McCullough, 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/Bousley) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

3. Minutes

MOTION (Mattison/Bousley) to approve the minutes of July 12th, 2007. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Informational – Marinette County Forest Wildlife Habitat Intern Presentation

Interns Jessica Reger and Heath Dornfeld presented wildlife habitat work on county forest which included wildlife openings, flying squirrel study and red-shouldered hawk inventory.

5. Discuss/Consider Chapman family request to extend Flood Permit

Marinette County Flood Permit for Chapman family allowing dam to flood back property on county land has expiration date of September 11, 2019. Request was received to extend permit for an additional 25 years from 2007. **MOTION** (Mattison/Nichols) to deny request to extend flood permit another 25 years at this time and have committee review permit closer to expiration date. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

6. Discuss/Consider land trade county forest land T32N, R18E, SWSW S8 and T34N, R21E, NE SE S21 for T36N, R18E, SWSW S18 including Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Land Withdrawal

A 54 acre parcel described as the fractional SWSW of Sec. 18 T36N-R18E, Town of Goodman, purchase price of \$174,000, has become available to the County through Doug Wagner Real Estate. This parcel would aid the “blocking in” of County Forest Lands and contains shoreline of two lakes. The Forestry Department has proposed a land trade of the SWSW of Sec. 8 T32N-R18E & NWNW of Sec. 17 all land lying North of CTH “W” approx. 42.4 acres, Town of Stephenson, valued at \$107,300 and NESE Sec. 21 T34N-R21E approx. 40, Town of Wausaukee, valued at \$83,000, along with \$16,300 payment to the County for the 54 acre parcel.

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to recommend the proposed land trade including Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Land Withdrawal contingent upon corporation counsel’s approval to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

7. Request authorization for budget transfer from Recreation Land Acquisition Account 100-00-34220-000 to 100-28-56110-291 Purchase of Service to be used for possible land acquisitions earnest money and associated acquiring costs

MOTION (Mattison/Nichols) to approve budget transfer of \$5,000.00 from Recreation Land Acquisition account #100-00-34220-000 to Purchase of Service Account 100-28-56110-291 with recommendation to Finance Committee. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

8. Discuss/Consider Purchase of Easement to gain access to county forest land T32N, R18E, Section 11

No action taken.

9. Informational: 2008 User Fee Schedule

Distributed 2008 Forestry User Fee Schedule for review.

10. Discuss/Consider Sustainable Forestry Grant Application for timber sale recon backlog

Marinette County Forest is seeking a Sustainable Forestry Grant to help with update of timber sale recon backlog. **MOTION** (Nichols/Bousley) to approve Sustainable Forestry Grant application for updating recon backlog program. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

11. Discuss/Consider Marinette County Forest Annual Report

John Neilio presented the Marinette County Forest Annual Report. **MOTION** (Bousley/Mattison) to accept annual report and place on file.

12. Request authorization for staff and committee members to attend Lake States Logging Congress September 6th, 7th, and 8th, in Escanaba, MI

MOTION (Bousley/Nichols) to authorize attendance of staff and committee members to Logging Congress in Escanaba, MI. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

13. Set date for annual Forestry and Parks Budget Meeting

MOTION (Nichols/Bousley) to set the Forestry and Parks Budget Meeting date for Thursday, September 6th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

14. Discuss/Consider fall timber sale date

MOTION (Mattison/Bousley) to set fall timber sale bid opening date for Wednesday, October 10th with sale award date set for Thursday, October 11th, 2007. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

15. Correspondence

Bill Walker reported on receipt of WI DNR fiscal year 2007 county and state timber sale reports based on closed out timber sales.

16. Report on Forestry Department Activities field accomplishments of Forestry Crew & Foresters

John Neilio presented the Forestry Department Office July 2007 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

17. DNR Forestry Liaison Officer/Wildlife Biologist Reports on DNR activities on County Forest Land

Joe Schwantes, DNR, reported county forest time standard hours at 120. Environmental Assessment regarding County Forest Land Withdrawal for West Shore Drive is now closed for public comment period. County/DNR annual Partnership Meeting will be held August 29th at Wausaukee. Fall timber sale will include 39 or 40 tracts. Aaron McCullough reported regular wildlife openings maintenance is winding down. Two year Red-Shouldered Hawk study is now complete with 40 active nests found.

18. Monthly invoices

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

19. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of July totaled \$206,293.20. Revenue is \$355,221.29 less than 2006 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

20. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 13th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

21. Adjourn

MOTION (Mattison/Nichols) to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

Lynn Swiatnicki
Administrative Secretary Forestry