



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 11, 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, Forestry Secretary Lynn Swiatnicki and Peshtigo Times

1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Agenda

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

3. Minutes

MOTION (Bousley/Mattison) to approve the minutes of December 7, 2006. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Discuss/Consider request to transfer 5 acres of county forest land for a new Athelstane Fire Station including Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Land Withdrawal

MOTION (Bousley/Mattison) to amend December 7th, 2006 minutes item #4 motion to read approve transfer Northeast 5 acres of NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 16, T35N, R19E to Town of Athelstane for new Athelstane Fire Station with reversionary clause regarding that specific purpose to Marinette County including Resolution Authorizing Application to the DNR for County Forest Land Withdrawal with recommendation to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

5. Discuss/Consider amending the General Code of Ordinances of Marinette County – Chapter 16 Forestry & Parks

MOTION (Mattison/Nichols) to amend the General Code of Ordinances of Marinette County – Chapter 16 Forestry & Parks §16.03, §16.06, §16.09 and §16.10 with a recommendation to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

6. Firewood ordinance poster

John Neilio obtained permission to use State of Wisconsin firewood poster and alter with county logo and information. Copies of the poster will be laminated and placed at popular county forest camping areas and county parks. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to approve firewood ordinance poster. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

7. Approve/amend Railroad Agreement related to transfer of property

At their April 7, 2006 Forestry Committee meeting, a motion was carried to approve transfer of parcel #022-01523.000 to WI Central LTD Railroad, n/k/a Canadian National Railroad and transfer of parcel #022-01524.000 to Marinette County. Canadian National Railroad has since requested corporation counsel to sign agreement regarding property transfer before proceeding with deed exchange. **MOTION** (Mattison/Nichols) to authorize Corporation Counsel Mattison to sign agreement and proceed with deed exchange. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

8. Request authorization to attend the WCFA Board of Directors Meeting in Tomahawk on January 19th, 2007

MOTION (Mattison/Nichols) to approve attendance of committee chair to the WCFA Board of Directors Meeting on January 19th, 2007 at Tomahawk, WI. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

9. Correspondence

Distributed handouts regarding deer damage on reforestation efforts and House introduction of bill to provide reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools & Community Act.

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

John Neilio presented the Forestry Department Office December 2006 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

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

Cole Couvillion, DNR, reported current county forest time standard hours at 2,264. A recon meeting with county forestry and DNR personnel will be held the end of January at Wausaukee. Four vacancies at Peshtigo DNR Station and one vacancy at Wausaukee DNR Station will be filled.

12. Monthly invoices

MOTION (Mattison/Nichols) to approve payments of \$5,880.00 to WI Department of Natural Resources and \$6,818.71 to WI County Forests Association and forward to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. **MOTION** (Nichols/Bousley) to approve the Schedule of Vouchers. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

13. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of December totaled \$111,312.17. Revenue is \$387,956.14 more than 2005 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

14. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, February 8th, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

15. Recess

Recess at 10:26 a.m. Reconvene Parks Meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Lynn Swiatnicki
Administrative Secretary Forestry