



MINUTES

FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 9, 2011

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, 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 9:03 a.m.

2. Agenda

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

3. Minutes

MOTION (Mans/Bousley) to approve the minutes of May 6, 2011. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

4. Public Comment

John Scott reported trees planted on April 25th, 2011 totaled 134,900.

5. Discuss/Consider Marinette County Forest Annual Report

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

6. Discuss/Consider timber sale contract extensions

Logger Harold Ducane stated permit required from U. S. Forest Service to access county timber sale was applied for in fall 2009 and received December 2010. **MOTION** (Bousley/Mans) to approve timber sale contract extension requests for 2009 Contract #'s 3481, 3489, 3519, 3486 and 3517 for one year with a 5% increase per extension policy and extension for 2009 Contract #3482 for one year with a 0% increase. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

6. Discuss/Consider timber sale contract extensions continued:

MOTION (Bousley/Mans) to approve timber sale contract extension requests for 2007 Contract #'s 3334 and 3345 for one year with a 10% increase per extension policy. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. **MOTION** (Mans/Walker) to approve timber sale contract extension requests for 2006 Contract # C209 for one year with a 20% increase per extension policy. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. Copy of the list of contract extensions is attached to these minutes.

7. Discuss/Consider June 13th, 2011 Tax Deed Land Sale

Administrator Scott explained tax deed parcel #032-01801.001 does not exist - it is an overlap on adjacent landowner's parcel. Tax deed parcel #251-03632.000 located in City of Marinette is contaminated and it is the opinion of Corporation Counsel and Land Information Office to remove from land sale. **MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to remove parcel #251-03632.000 and parcel #032-01801.001 from tax delinquent land sale. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

8. Discuss/Consider Special Recreation Use Permit Amendment for the Dunbar Sportsman's Club

Amendment to Dunbar Sportsman's Club Special Recreation Use Permit would add county forest south of existing permit area to expand entire recreation area to 40 acres. **MOTION** (Nichols/Mans) to approve Amendment to Special Recreation Use Permit for the Dunbar Sportsman's Club subject to Corporation Counsel's review. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

9. Discuss/Consider utility easement request across county forest land

MOTION (Nichols/Mans) to approve CenturyLink utility easement NW1/4, NESW & N1/2 SE1/4 S8 and NWSW & S1/2 NW S9, T36N, R21E for Clark Johnson at the rate of .10/foot with a minimum payment of \$100.00 and recommend to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

10. Correspondence

Chair Walker read articles received from WCFA Secretary Severt regarding differing viewpoints on Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

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

John Scott presented the Forestry Division Office May Activity Report and Planting Report. Distributed reports attached.

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

DNR Forestry Liaison Joe Schwantes reported county forest time standard hours at 3,228 of 3,313 budgeted. WISFIRS on-line training for DNR and county staff will begin next week. April and May rain helped to eliminate fires during fire season locally; however, persons were sent to Texas for fire assistance. Dave Halfmann reported 1 of 3 male Kirtland Warblers located in county was at a new site not found in previously. Mr. Halfmann, Aaron McCullough and county foresters are checking on Red-Shouldered Hawk and Goshawk nests. Bellflower invasive is not up currently but will be in July and August. There are 3 known small patches of garlic mustard, another invasive, but these are not on county forest.

13. Discuss/Consider Schedule of Invoices

Committee reviewed May schedule of invoices totaling \$9,949.76. No action taken.

14. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report

Revenue for the month of May totaled \$150,894.62. Revenue is \$419,758.89 less than 2010 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

15. Schedule next meeting date

The next meeting date is scheduled for July 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

16. Recess

Recess at 10:30 a.m. Reconvene Parks Meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Lynn Swiatnicki
Administrative Secretary Forestry