



## MINUTES

### FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 10, 2007

9:30 a.m.

Amberg Forestry Shop

W7895 US Hwy 141

Amberg, WI 54102

**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, Assistant Forest Administrator John Scott, DNR Joe Schwantes, Forestry Secretary Lynn Swiatnicki and Peshtigo Times

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

#### 2. Agenda

**MOTION** (Bousley/Mattison) to approve the agenda and addendum in modified order. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

#### 3. Minutes

**MOTION** (Mattison/Bousley) to approve the minutes of April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

#### 4. Discuss/Consider request to transfer 1.52 acres of county forest land adjacent to West Shores Drive to Town of Stephenson including Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for County Forest Land Withdrawal

**MOTION** (Bousley/Nichols) to approve transfer to Town of Stephenson of 1.52 acres adjacent to West Shore Drive (description attached) which is used to gain access to private lands contingent upon developer purchasing property along with town bearing any costs incurred also Resolution Authorizing Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for withdrawal of County Forest Land with recommendation to county board for approval. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**5. Discuss/Consider placement of boardwalk by boy scout troop on shores of Pothole Lake**

**MOTION** (Bousley/Mattison) to approve placement of boardwalk by Goodman Conservation Club along with boy scout troop on shores of Pothole Lake T37N, R18E, SE1/4 S21. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**6. Discuss/Consider timber sale contract extensions**

**MOTION** (Bousley/Mattison) to grant timber sale contract extensions with no increase and approval of wood storage amendment. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote. Copy of the list of contract extensions and amendments is attached to these minutes.

**7. Request authorization for committee members to attend WCFA Summer Tour in Langlade County June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

**MOTION** (Mattison/Nichols) to authorize staff and committee members to attend WCFA summer tour in Langlade County June 20<sup>th</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**8. Discuss/Consider possible land trade for 54 acres located T36N, R18E, SW SW S18**

Administrator received request for land trade for 54 acres land SWSW S18, T36N, R18E.

**MOTION** (Mattison/Nichols) to authorize administrator to pursue land trade further. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.

**9. Correspondence**

Administrator received e-mail from Paul DeLong stating Wisconsin County Forest Association Executive Secretary position is still in Governor's budget to be funded through Forest Administrator Grant. Marinette County currently belongs to Sustainable Forestry Initiative regarding forest certification; however, there seems to be a trend toward counties joining Forest Stewardship Council. Forestry crew trains through FISTA to comply with Sustainable Forestry Initiative. Administrator stated joining Great Lakes Timber Producers Association along with other counties would cut training costs for employees who need training every year for certification.

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

John Scott presented the Forestry Department Office April 2007 Activity Report. Distributed report attached.

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

Joe Schwantes, DNR, reported county forest time standard hours at 3,000. Environmental Assessment regarding County Forest Land Withdrawal for Athelstane Fire Department is past the open public comment period and approximately 2 weeks away from being finalized. Fires are down 30% from last year.

**12. Monthly invoices**

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

**13. Distribute Monthly Revenue Report**

Revenue for the month of April totaled \$19,998.42. Revenue is \$199,986.26 less than 2006 revenue at this time. Distributed report attached.

**14. Schedule next meeting date**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**15. Tour Gassett ATV Bridge, Gunville grinding operation and tree planting site**

Tour Gunville grinding operation, county forest tree planting site - Twelve Foot Falls Rd. and Gassett ATV Bridge in Town of Dunbar.

**16. Adjourn**

**MOTION** (Walker/Nichols) to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. Motion Carried, No Negative Vote.