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Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

July 10, 2018; 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Auditorium, Neillsville, WI

Call to order 9:02 a.m.

Supervisors Present: Tom Wilcox, Al Bower, Allen Krause Jr, and Joe Waichulis

Supervisors Absent: Dean Zank

Others present for all or some of the meeting: Rick Dailey – Forestry and Parks Administrator; John Wendorski – Forestry Manager; Marcus Aumann – Parks & Programs Manager; Daryn Horn – Facilities Supervisor; Mary Olson-Back – Office Business Manager; Justin Kapusta – DNR Liaison; Wayne Hendrickson – County Board Chairman; Terri Domaszek – Comptroller; Jim Smagacz – County Board Supervisor

The Administrator presented the June 11, 2018 minutes for committee approval. Motion by Al Bower, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the June 11, 2018 minutes as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administrator presented the June 12, 2018 minutes for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Al Bower to approve the June 12, 2018 minutes as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

June 2018 financial report – No report due to Munis transition of financial records

The Administrator reported on issues relating the county credit card limit being exceeded in June and July. The Department has a reoccurring monthly charge for point of sale software that was nearly canceled due to the card limit being exceeded. The Administrator had to use a personal card to pay the fees for June and July to prevent the service from being canceled and all historical transaction data being wiped out. Mary Olson-Back also reported that she has to spend considerable time filling out credit applications with vendors to allow for the department to get invoices from them in lieu of using the credit card. The County Comptroller explained the current status of the credit limit and why/how the card reaches its limit. She indicated the Finance Committee has this item on its July agenda. The committee asked about several other options for the Department to ensure that business is not negatively impacted in the future. No action taken.

Daryn Horn presented the inmate labor report for committee review. Inmate crews have finished clearing the new disk golf course at Sherwood Park, trimming weeds at the other parks, and have been assisting in cleaning around the shop. No action taken

Marcus Aumann presented bids for a regular cab pickup truck for committee approval. The low bidder for the regular cab pickup truck was from Gross Motors for a 2019 Ram. Motion by Al Bower, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the bid from Gross Motor for the 2019 Ram regular cab pickup truck with the V-8 engine and include rust proofing as presented. Voice Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Marcus Aumann presented bids for an extended cab pickup truck for committee approval. The bids included V-6 and V-8 engines and the committee agreed that the planned use for this truck would be better off with a V-8. The two lowest bids for a V-8 extended cab pickup truck were from Gross Motors. The low bid was for a 2019 Ram and the next bid was \$1,000 more for a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado. The Committee debated, fuel mileage warranty between the two options. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the bid from Gross Motor for the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado extended cab pickup truck with the V-8 engine and include rust proofing as presented. Voice Vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administrator reported on the June 16th Mead Lake District annual meeting. The Lake District is interested in purchasing the South Mead Lake County Park. The Administrator researched the park and found that it was developed using LAWCON funding, making the sale of the property much more complicated. The committee decided it was not interested in pursuing the sale of South Mead Lake County Park but if the Mead Lake District wanted to research and pursue such a transaction they could do so. No action taken.

Marcus Aumann presented a school group mountain bike trail pass policy for Levis Mound for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Tom Wilcox to approve the school group mountain bike trail pass policy for Levis Mound as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Under General Department Updates – The Administrator reported that a shop employee will be having back surgery soon and will be out 4-5 months. Marcus Aumann reported that the Department was contacted by ADS about having an individual with a disability internship at the shop with the possibility of bringing the person on as a seasonal after the internship.

Under Forest Management Update, discussion held on timeline to fill vacant Liaison position, timber sale contract bank, timber sale establishment goals, timber sale revenue for the last 12 months, WCFA summer tour and filling of the long time vacant DNR Wildlife Biologist position in Clark County. John Wendorski presented DNR fiscal year timber sale reports.

Under Parks Management Updates, Marcus Aumann reported that the Department was approached by Selk Electronics about installing internet service at Snyder Park. The Department would get free internet for the office at Snyder and Selk would charge campers if they wished to use it. The Committee did not feel Snyder Park was in need of internet service with good cell phone service available at that location. Marcus also reported that the current lease agreement with Selk for internet towers at Bruce Mound and Russell Memorial Park expired and he would begin negotiations with Selk to get them renewed. Advanced disposal has been contacted several times since last summer regarding a rotten dumpster at

Sherwood Park and they have not replaced the dumpster or returned and calls regarding the issue. The Administrator reported that the land formerly known as Black River County Park has been sold to the adjacent landowner.

Under Trails Management Update, Marcus Aumann reported that the Planning and Zoning Department is holding a meeting regarding the development of a County wide map that shows all town roads open to ATV use. The Department will be providing input but is not volunteering any time towards the development or maintenance of the map. The Recreation officer was assigned to patrol duties for several weeks last month and during that time there was an uptick of off trail ATV use and damage.

Under Fairgrounds Management Update, Daryn Horn reported that the Men's Club tough truck event was schedule for this upcoming weekend to be followed by the County fair Aug 8th-12th and new LED lights are being installed in the infield and parking lot.

Under Bruce Mound Management Update, Daryn Horn reported that next week the required load testing will be completed on the chair lift. Following the load test, the chairs will be moved and 10 of the chair clips will be sent in for inspection. The t-bar lift had a seal replaced, and the terrain park paddle tow has a broken gear. Estimates for fixing the gear box versus replacing it with a new one are being gathered. The Administrator reported that the Department received a check from the responsible party's insurance company for expenses and loss of timber at Bruce Mound from the fire that occurred there in April.

Under Dams Management Updates – The Administrator reported that he presented public property with several options of parcels that could be sold to the Mead Lake District as per their request.

Wage Rate Changes – No Report

Vouchers – No Report

The Committee Chair opened the floor for public comment. No comments received.

Allen Krause left the meeting @ 12:00 pm

12:05 pm The Committee left courthouse to take lunch and then traveled to the county fairgrounds to inspect facilities and improvements and discuss the revitalization project.

1:55 pm – The committee returned to the courthouse and discussed the pros and cons of 3 options for locating a new beef/pig/sheep barn at the fairgrounds. The committee felt strongly that a location for the new barn should be chosen to enable the fundraising committee to continue moving forward with their efforts. The Administrator informed the committee that the Department would reuse as much as possible from the buildings that would be removed such as pens and gates. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Tom Wilcox to place the new beef/pig/beef barn in the current location of the Marg barn

and pleasure horse barns and move forward with the interior design for the building and fund raising efforts. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. Daryn Horn presented a drawing for a new band shell. Committee agreed that they would like to see other options before approaching the Listeman Foundation for grant funding. No action taken on the band shell.

Next meeting date was set for August 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium.

Motion to adjourn at 2:28 p.m. by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Al Bower. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rick Dailey, Secretary