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Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

September 11, 2018; 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse Auditorium, Neillsville, WI

Call to order 9:01 a.m.

Supervisors Present: Tom Wilcox, Al Bower, Dean Zank, Joe Waichulis, and Allen Krause, Jr (arrived at 9:25 am)

Supervisors Absent: None

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; Jed Kaurich – DNR; Daniel Borchardt & David Wierzba – MSA; Wayne Hendrickson – County Board Chair; Jim Smagacz – County Board Supervisor

The Administrator presented the August 29, 2018 minutes for committee approval. Motion by Al Bower, seconded by Dean Zank to approve the August 29, 2018 minutes as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Daniel Borchardt and David Wierzba with MSA presented three options to control storm water runoff in Russell Memorial Park and ultimately reduce or stop the beach erosion that is currently happening during rain events. It was mentioned that the parking lot would be resurfaced in 2019 and MSA suggested that curb and gutter could be installed and would likely solve many of the runoff issues without having to ditch or pipe extensively as presented earlier. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Al Bower to approve MSA developing a fourth storm water control option that would include curb and gutter around the parking lot and divert storm water to one location before entering the lake. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Allen Krause arrived at 9:25 am during discussion on the Russell Park County Park beach erosion project.

The Administrator reviewed the history of the little red schoolhouse that is located in Section 25 of North Foster Township along CTH M with the committee. The Administrator was recently contacted by an individual who is interested in moving the building onto private property so they can preserve it. The Administrator asked the individual for a written proposal for committee to review, no proposal was submitted prior to this meeting. No action taken.

The Administrator presented a request from the United States Navy to use the Bruce Mound property for military training. The committee discussed the request and implications of landing helicopters on the property. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to approve the military training request as

presented to include landing of helicopters on the property if they so choose. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Tom Wilcox left at 10:55 am

Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Allen Krause to appointed Al Bower as acting committee chair for the remainder of the meeting. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administrator presented the August 2018 financial report for committee approval. The new MUNIS reports do not include financial data from January through June at this time. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Allen Krause to receive and file the August 2018 financial report as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administer reported that the 2019 Forestry and Parks budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee last week. The Finance Committee inquired about budget increases for insurance, the skidder purchase, and the land acquisition proposal. Finance Committee requested that that Administrator and Forestry Manager attend a meeting to discuss the details of the land acquisition proposal. No action taken.

The Administer reported that the 2019 Fairgrounds budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee last week. The budget that was presented did reduce levy spending by \$3,095.00. The Finance Committee asked the Administrator to increase the Fairgrounds expenditure budget by \$3,095.00 to maintain the levy at current levels. The Administrator presented an amended 2019 Fairgrounds budget with an increase of \$3,095.00. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to approve the amended 2019 Fairgrounds budget with an increase of \$3,095.00 to capital improvements. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Daryn Horn presented the inmate labor report for committee review. Inmate crews helped prep the Bruce Mound Chalet for a wedding and have been involved with storm damage cleanup at both Mead Lake Parks. No action taken.

Marcus Aumann presented the Thorp snowmobile trail bridge project request for proposals for committee approval. Proposal will be due October 3rd and presented to committee at the October committee meeting. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the Thorp snowmobile trail bridge project request for proposals as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Marcus Aumann presented the South Mead Lake playground equipment request for proposals for committee approval. Proposal will be due October 3rd and presented to committee at the October committee meeting. Discussion held on purchase of used playground equipment. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the South Mead Lake playground equipment request for proposals as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

John Wendorski presented a non-binding letter of intent to purchase land in the Town of Sherwood for committee review and approval. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Joe Waichulis to approve the non-binding letter of intent to purchase land in the Town of Sherwood. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

John Wendorski reviewed the proposal to withdraw and sell county forest land in the Town of Levis and discussed the timing of the withdrawal resolution. No action taken.

The Administrator reported to the committee about fundraising efforts and stakeholder meetings regarding the Fairgrounds revitalization project. Daryn Horn presented drawings for a new multi-purpose barn that included feedback from the user groups. The architect who is designing the barn is starting to gather material cost estimates in order to start narrowing down the true cost of the new building as potential donors are asking for such information. Daryn then presented a preliminary drawing for a new multipurpose building and asked the committee for input about what to include in the building moving forward. The floor was yielded to Jim Smagacz and he expressed concerns about the need for such a building. No action taken.

The Administrator presented the current Fairgrounds fee schedule and rental rates for committee review. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Allen Krause to continue using the current fee and rental rates for 2019. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

The Administrator discussed the planning process for the County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan with committee. The last revision process included forming a planning committee composed of stakeholders. A template for the plan will be developed by WCFA and WI DNR and this process will be discussed at the September WCFA fall meeting in Hayward. No action taken.

John Wendorski presented Resolution 39-9-18 – Authorizing Participation in County Conservation Aids Program/Fish and Wildlife Project for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Al Bower to approve Resolution 39-9-18 – Authorizing Participation in County Conservation Aids Program/Fish and Wildlife Project as presented. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Under General Department Updates – No report

Under Forest Management Update, discussion held on funding received for KBB habitat improvement, WCFA meeting attendance, timber sale accomplishments and delivery of skidder for oak scarification work.

Under Parks Management Updates, Marcus Aumann reported that the summer camping season is winding down, the Sherwood shower building construction is complete and only needs some landscaping work, the Sherwood disk golf course is complete, and he will be attending the WPRA annual meeting the last week in October. The Administrator reported that Marcus Aumann will be receiving the Young Park Professional of the Year award at the annual WPRA meeting next month.

Under Trails Management Update, Marcus Aumann reported that all ATV trails were closed for 5 days following heavy rains in order to clear trails and repair minor washouts.

Under Fairgrounds Management Update, Daryn Horn reported that the annual fall horse auction is getting underway this week, the Memorial Medical Center Fundraiser Mingle will be held at the fairgrounds and asked if they could drive stakes through the asphalt to secure tents for the event. The committee does not want to allow stakes to be driven into the new asphalt and agreed the tents would have to be secured in another manner.

Under Bruce Mound Management Update, Daryn Horn reported that a wedding was held at the chalet, he is still waiting for the gear box for the terrain park lift to be repaired, and runs will be mowed in the coming weeks in preparation for snow making.

Under Dams Management Updates – The Administrator reported that he authorized lake levels at Mead Lake, Snyder Lake, and Sherwood Lake to be lowered before heavy rains fell in the area to increase spillway and storage capacity. The results of this action were positive and no damage was noted at any of the facilities following the event.

Wage rate changes – No report

Vouchers for August 2018 were presented for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to approve vouchers for August 2018 as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

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

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

Motion to adjourn at 2:32 p.m. by Dean Zank, seconded by Joe Waiculis. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rick Dailey, Secretary