

Unofficial Until Approved

Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

October 8, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse RM 101, Neillsville, WI

Call to order 9:02 a.m.

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

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; Mary Olson-Back – Office Business Manager; Daryn Horn – Facilities Supervisor; Einar Fransen – DNR Liaison; Kelly Kirn – Heavy Equipment Operator; Wayne Hendrickson – County Board Chair

The Administrator presented the September 10, 2019 minutes for committee approval. Motion by Al Bower, seconded by Joe Waichulis to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Mary Olson-Back presented the 2019 year to date financial report for committee review. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to receive and file the 2019 year to date financial report as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Kelly Kirn discussed efforts to fix the tiller for the Bruce Mound Piston Bully. The committee suggested contacting a local plastic company to make a custom “boot” for the tiller to try to improve functionality. No action taken.

The Administrator reviewed the proposed 2020 Fairgrounds budget that was presented to County Board in October. No action taken.

The Administrator presented the 2020 Forestry and Parks budget revised by Finance Committee. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to approve the revised budget. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Daryn Horn presented the inmate labor report. Work crews are back on their normal schedule and working Fridays again. Crews have been cleaning at the Fairgrounds, splitting firewood, and helping with maintenance at Bruce Mound. No action taken

Discussion held on the vacant Clark County DNR Wildlife Biologist position. The Administrator stressed the importance of the position as it relates to the County Forest. Motion by Tom Wilcox, seconded by

Allen Krause to have the Administrator draft a letter on behalf of the committee requesting that a DNR representative attend a future committee meeting and make filling the vacant Clark County position a high priority. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on recent communication from WI DOT regarding reimbursement to Clark County for the closure of Black River County Park. No action taken.

Timber Sale Contract Status for Delaney Forest Products – No report

Marcus Aumann presented uniform Department facility rental/lease policies for committee approval. Discussion held on implementation of a \$7.00 reservation fee similar to our current camping reservations fee. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Al Bower to approve the facility rental/lease policies pursuant to required language updates from Corporation Counsel, and to include a \$7.00 reservation fee as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administrator presented Ordinance 228-11-19, Approving Amendments to Clark County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28 – Forest and Parks. The Administrator reported that the 15 Year Planning Team reviewed the ordinances and several suggestions were included in the revised draft presented for approval. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Joe Waichulis to approve Ordinance 228-11-19, Approving Amendments to Clark County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 28 – Forest and Parks as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

John Wendorski presented the fall 2019 timber sale prospectus for committee approval. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Joe Waichulis to approve the fall 2019 timber sale prospectus as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on policy for posting of businesses at forest, park, and trail locations for annual committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Tom Wilcox to approve the policy for posting of businesses at forest, park, and trail locations as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on Resolution 41-11-19 - Approving the Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan and Agreement for committee approval. This agreement is very important for the department to ensure forest management activities can be completed without violating the federal Endangered Species Act. Motion by Tom Wilcox, seconded by Dean Zank to approve Resolution – Approving the Karner Blue Butterfly Habitat Conservation Plan and Agreement as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Fairgrounds revitalization project. The Administrator reported to the committee on recent fundraising efforts and that MSA has been retained as a civil engineer for the project. MSA submitted several preliminary drawings of the building location that depicted traffic flow and utility locations. The committee reviewed the drawings and made several suggestions to the Administrator to take back to MSA to improve traffic flow concerns. No action taken.

Under General Department Updates, the Administrator reported that vacant part time and seasonal parks worker position are being advertised, the Dam operator has concerns with compensation and hours, and a recent OSHA facility inspection at the shop found no major infractions.

Under Forest Management Update, discussion held on WCFA fall meeting, initial meeting of the 15 year Planning Team, DNR time standards and forest road mowing and gravel projects.

Under Parks Management Updates, discussion held on receipt of a three year grant from Cummins Filtration for \$5,000/yr. to plant trees at the fairgrounds and campgrounds. The Committee was updated on the Russell Memorial Park storm water runoff and Rock Dam shoreline erosion control projects.

Under Fairgrounds Management Update, discussion held on a request to rent the fairgrounds to dry commercial hemp.

Under Trails Management Update, Marcus Aumann reported that the Highway Department will be assisting Forestry and Parks with bridge inspections on the snowmobile trails.

Under Bruce Mound Management Update, Marcus Aumann reported that new lights and speakers for the tube hill are being installed.

Under Dams Management Updates – No Report

Wage Rate Changes – No report

Vouchers for September 2019 were presented for committee approval. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Al Bower to approve vouchers for September 2019 as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Call for public comment – none received

Next regular meeting date was confirmed for November 12, 2019; time to be determined by the administrator based on length of the agenda, in the Courthouse Auditorium.

Motion to adjourn at 2:17 p.m. by Allen Krause, seconded by Dean Zank. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rick Dailey, Secretary