

**PRICE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 12, 2022

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54558

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Jeff Hallstrand, Committee Chairperson at 8:00

a.m. Present: Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Waldemar Madsen, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Grapa, Paula Houdek

Nick reviewed procedure for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: No public comment. Communication from Craig Pawlowicz regarding his interest in selling a piece of property to the county.
2. Minutes from February 8 and March 15, 2022 Meetings: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the minutes of the February 8 and March 15, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Spring Timber Sale Bid Packets: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the bid packet as presented. Motion carried.
4. Resolution: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Pine Line Trail Resurfacing II): Motion Ernst/Madsen to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
5. Resolution: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Timms Hill Tower Access and Vaulted Toilet Replacement): Motion Ernst/Madsen to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
6. Resolution: Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant (Big Falls County Park Power): Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Timber Sale Access Improvement: Reviewed three areas that would have increased timber sales interest if the access roads were improved. Anticipated cost for the three areas is \$105,000. Motion Spacek/Madsen to forward a request to the Executive Committee to consider money in the 2023 budget for forest access road improvements. Motion carried.
8. 2021 Annual Report: Reviewed. Stumpage and parks revenue were very good. Town of Lake is planning upgrade to Omaha Road which would improve access to Smith Lake County Park. Motion Strobl/Madsen to accept the report and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.
9. Catawba Fire Lane: Road maintenance required including culvert repairs. Total cost \$44,000. The Town of Catawba may consider taking over the road if the improvements were done.
10. Future Expansion of County Campgrounds: Five-year cost for reservation system. \$20,600 to \$32,700. Future consideration. Will draft resolution for Executive Committee consideration.
11. Department Report: \$728,000 in stumpage revenue. Letter from USD/APHIS asking clearance to collar wolves on County land. Shooting range vault toilet installation to start. Concrete Park Fred Smith house flooded from a broken water pipe. Met with Friends of Fred Smith to discuss roles of the park and property. Solberg Lake boat landing Federal portion of the grant approved. Waiting on State grant. Thomas Ernst resigned from Forester position. Recruitment to begin. Prison crew should be available to assist with spring park cleanup. No applicant for summer help yet. Steve Creek Flowage Dam failed. DNR will be doing repairs. Timms Hill play equipment to be installed. Cranberry Creek Flowage plan submitted.
12. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$15,060.79. Motion carried.
13. Set Next Meeting Date: May 12, 8am
14. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk