

**FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Monday, March 28, 2016, 9:32 a.m., Forestry Headquarters**  
**Solon Springs, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mark Liebaert, John Robinson, Terry White, Mary Lou Bergman, Robert Mock. Others present – Rebecca Loken, Teri Heathcote, Sig Degitz, Ken Fastner, Carolyn Pierce, Dale Rochon, Terry Asleson, Jane Anklam, Greg Kessler, Mark Schroeder, Jon Harris, Judy Nicoski, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bergman, second Robinson, to approve the minutes from the February 29, 2016, regular and March 8, 2016, timber sale meetings. Motion carried.

**Department Reports:**

**Budget:** Included with members' meeting packet. Nicoski reviewed the budget for the period ending February 29, 2016.

**Forest Management Operations:** Langenecker reported no active sales or hauling. Tree planting (13 sites/464 acres) scheduled to start in three-to-four weeks.

**Parks and Recreation:** Schroeder reported snowmobile and summertime ATV trails shut down; temporary park staff recruitment in progress; and writing grants for snowmobile and ATV projects.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: 2016 Capital Improvement Project Requests:** Distributed – reviewed.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION/REFERRAL):** Motion by White, second Mock, to approve the 2016 capital improvement project requests as presented totaling \$695,000, forward to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Straight Arrow Enduro Riders Annual Report:** Ken Fastner provided update on activities: considering implementing a smaller loop route from the parking lot working with Mark Schroeder for placement, and other potential improvements being considered. Legislation proposed for WDNR to register off highway motorcycles (dirt bikes) with stickers - reciprocity idea discussed.

**Moose River Dog Club Annual Report:** Sig provided updates: back to six courses again; spring trial planned for late April; and plan to run the national amateur grouse contest this fall. Disappearing course markers in the area discussed.

**Friends of the Bird Sanctuary Annual Report:** Report distributed – Terry Heathcoat provided overview. Sharp-tailed grouse viewing blind information distributed.

**Invasive Species Control Utilizing Goats in Lucius Woods County Park Accomplishment Report:** 1<sup>st</sup> treatment successfully completed on 1.5 acre target area in park fall 2015 at a total cost of \$1,430. Revised proposal for the same 1.5 acre area is to transport goats back and forth daily with a 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment proposed at \$500/acre + \$100/day for transport to occur May, 2016, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> treatment proposed at \$350/acre + \$100/day for transport to occur September, 2016.

**ACTION:** Motion by White, second Bergman, to approve proposal as presented for the same 1.5 acre target area, with May, 2016, 2<sup>nd</sup> entry treatment in an amount not to exceed \$1,500 and a September, 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> entry treatment in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, coordinate logistics with department staff minimizing disruption to park operations, and deliver a project update report to this committee after completion of the September, 2016, treatment. Motion carried.

**Wildlife Update Report (WDNR Wildlife Biologist):** Greg Kessler provided updates and distributed handouts: 2016 Wisconsin hunting and trapping seasons; public spring hearing information; deer harvest history; bear application drawing results; and forest openings treatment record.

**April 6, 2016, Spring Forest Industry Gathering:** Harris advised the gathering will be held at the Solon Springs Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 6, 2016.

**Reports:**

**Wisconsin County Forest Association:** No updates.

**WDNR County Forest Liaison:** Dale Rochon advised that due to current WDNR vacancies, training commitments, and pending spring fire season duties, the FY2016 WDNR time standards commitment to Douglas County of 3,905 hours will be difficult to meet by June 30, 2016. Requesting reduction of 550 hours. Will work with department staff on request and formal agreement.

**ACTION:** Motion by Mock, second White, to extend meeting beyond two hour time limit. Motion carried.

**MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85(1)(g) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING 2011 STATE LINE FLOWAGE DAM REPAIR PROJECT:** Motion by Mock, second Robinson, to adjourn open session and convene in closed session as stated above. Roll call vote taken, with all present voting yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk