

FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Monday, April 25, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Forestry Headquarters
Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mark Liebaert, John Robinson, Terry White, Robert Mock, Mary Lou Bergman. Others present – Trent Sprague, Nell Mathison, Terry Asleson, Jim Latvala, Jon Harris, Judy Nicoski, Kathy Khalar, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Robinson, second Mock, to approve the minutes from the March 28, 2016, regular and closed session meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Bergman, second White, to keep closed session minutes sealed. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Budget: Included with members' meeting packet. Nicoski reviewed the budget for the period ending March 31, 2016.

Forest Management Operations: Report distributed at meeting - Latvala reported one active sale.

Parks and Recreation: Harris reported that the summer ATV trails are beginning to open up and will continue to do so as conditions allow; seasonal summer staffing in progress; docks have all been put in; and park season opener preparations underway.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Douglas County Conditional Use Permit Application for Non-Metallic Mine on County Forest Land (Town of Dairyland): Trent Sprague, Town of Dairyland, requesting conditional use permit application for re-opening of a non-metallic mine (gravel pit) on County Forest Land in the Town of Dairyland off Highway 35 (Aspen Moraine Trail) to utilize for town road maintenance projects. Upon approval, taking responsibility for maintenance of hauling road; securing insurance policy for pit use; zoning permit application; pit reclamation at end of use. Access road would still be open to the public. In lieu of royalty fees, town would be willing to provide reasonable gravel delivery services at no charge for forestry projects. The first approximate 600 feet of the access road crosses private ownership – Harris wrote letter to landowner requesting an easement, with no response yet. Zoning would require Town of Dairyland to provide proof of access before issuing permit. Town of Dairyland will assist with landowner contact.

ACTION: Motion by Robinson, second Bergman, to approve Town of Dairyland conditional use permit application for non-metallic mine on County Forest Land for use on town road maintenance projects, use of extracted materials for the life of the pit shall be restricted “for public purposes” only, charging no royalty fee to the town for the material extracted, town to provide annual report of amount of material extracted to department staff, access road to remain open to public uses, town to maintain access road in an acceptable condition as approved by department staff; all contingent on the county obtaining legal access across the land under other ownership; department staff approved to pursue and negotiate easement acquisition. Motion carried.

Long Lake County Day-Use Park Application for County Forest Law Entry (#SO-026-00708-00): Map in packet identifying location – parcel was never entered into County Forest Law – requesting to do so now in order to protect the park.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by White, second Mock, to approve County Forest Special Use entry of Long Lake County Day-Use Park parcel (#SO-026-00708-00), and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Office Addition Project Bid Results: Bid results spreadsheet distributed, with Pillar Construction Group, Inc., low bidder.

2016 Wisconsin County Forest Certification Audit: Map in packet identifying 2016 summer audit candidates: Burnett, Washburn, Sawyer and Polk Counties.

WDNR FY2016 Time Standards Reduction: Department staff agreed to WDNR request to reduce FY2016 time standards commitment to the county between now and June 30th by 550 hours; proposed time allotment schedule included.

2016 Spring Forest Industry Gathering: New format and location well received.

Reports:

Wisconsin County Forest Association: No updates.

WDNR County Forest Liaison: Asleson provided WDNR LTE staffing update.

Future Agenda Items: Harris to draft letter to local school districts encouraging utilizing SFI and/or FSC sourced certified paper resources; Solon Springs Airport Commission WDNR letter.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by White, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk