

FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Douglas County Board of Supervisors

Monday, August 27, 2018, 9:30 a.m., Forestry Headquarters
9182 East Hughes Avenue, Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mark Liebaert, Mary Lou Bergman, Terry White, Joseph Moen (arrived 9:31 a.m.). Absent – Steve Long. Others present – Mark Renz, Tom Holmstrand, Joann Holmstand, Clem Larson, Max Ericson, Jim Giffin, Al Horvath, Jim Latvala, Shelley Nelson, Dan Corbin, Keb Guralski, Ramona Shackelford, Jon Harris, Jane Anklam, Ramona Shackelford, Terry Asleson, Mark Schroeder, Craig Golembiewski, Candy Holm Anderson, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bergman, second White, to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Budget: Included with members' packet. Anderson reviewed the budget for the time period ending July 31, 2018. (2019 distributed.)

Forest Management Operations: Golembieski reported 6 active sales, 2 hauling. Large timber sale auction expected in October; oat wilt identified on private land in Dairyland; and scarification, reforestation projects, and roller chopping in progress.

Parks and Recreation: Schroeder reported State Line Dam completed; seasonal park staff leaving soon; provided updates on park projects; trail conditions/repairs due to flood damage; and grants.

SUSPEND THE RULES: Motion by Liebaert, second Bergman, to take up item 5a. Motion carried.

Invasive Species Control in Lucius Woods County Park Report: Mark Renz, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, UW Madison, distributed samples of common buckthorn and provided a Powerpoint presentation on topic. Invasive plants cause harm to economy, environment and humans. Three experimental herbicide treatments were established in summer 2017 (labor is major portion of cost): foliar herbicide \$88/acre, cut stump \$75/acre and untreated control. Both foliar and cut stump are effective for approximately a year of suppression. (Difficult to directly compare to goat treatment areas as initial shrub density was higher in the grazed area.) Recommend developing a comprehensive plan to manage invasive plants that impact park goals, with first step mapping locations of invasive infestations. Volunteer programs have been successful at mapping and managing infestations.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Pesticide Ordinance #1.17 Exemption Request (Lake Minnesuing Sanitary District): Request in meeting packet - application and maps identifying location for Rodeo-foliar treatment (yellow flag Iris) in 2018, 2019 and 2020 as needed (three potential applications in total). Jim Giffin, Lake Minnesuing Sanitary District, Treasurer, present.

ACTION: Motion by White, second Bergman, to approve Pesticide Ordinance #1.17 exemption request from Lake Minnesuing Sanitary District for up to three applications, one each for 2018, 2019, and 2020 (provide report to committee upon completion). Motion carried.

Cranberry Creek Flowage Dam Removal/Repair/Replacement Options: Cranberry Creek Flowage Dam located off of CTH L failed due to major flooding event (photos distributed) and reported to the WDNR as a dam failure. An order has been issued by the WDNR to remove/repair or replace the dam;

cost estimates reviewed. Department recommendation is to remove the dam at an approximate cost of \$74,000.00 (+ engineering fees).

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Moen, to approve permanent removal of Cranberry Creek Flowage Dam, restoring impounded wetland to natural habitat, and applying for any available grant funding to cover project costs. Motion carried.

5 minute break at 11:10 a.m.

2019 Budget: 2019 Budget Review: Anderson provided summary of budget increases and decreases reviewed with a .24% increase.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Bergman, second White, to approve 2019 budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Moen, to extend the meeting beyond two hours. Motion carried.

2019 Department Budget Planning Goals: Reviewed. Refer to future meeting.

Non-Profit Funding Requests: Copy of forestry minutes pertaining to non-profit funding requests distributed along with the requests themselves.

Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee - \$500: Clem Larson present.

ACTION: Motion by White, second Moen, to approve funding request to Northern Regional Trail Advisory Committee in the amount of \$500. Motion carried.

Tri-County Recreational Corridor Commission - \$5,143: Dan Corbin present.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Moen, to approve funding request to Tri-County Recreational Corridor Commission in the amount of \$5,143. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates - \$2,500: Al Horvath present.

ACTION: Motion by Moen, second White, to approve funding request to Wisconsin Conservation Congress Delegates in the amount of \$2,500. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:

Forest Products Market Update: Max Ericson, Great Lakes Timber Professional Organization, reported mill pricing has decreased drastically over the last 6 months, and mill delivery contracts have been severely cut back as well. He suggested considering marketability of timber when sale extension fees are being considered. Consider adding as a timber sale agenda item in October.

Stateline Flowage Dam Repair Project Update: 2011 project finally completed; photos distributed.

Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project Update (The Conservation Fund): Project currently on hold as it did not pass the Joint Finance Committee passive review. Harris to keep committee updated on future developments.

American Bird Conservancy Habitat Restoration Project: Golembiewski working in partnership on this project opportunity to enhance rare songbird habitat located off Highway 105 on a 48 acre site in the Town of Superior.

2018 & 2019 Wisconsin County Forest Certification Audit Update: 2018 audit completed with minor SFI & FSC items identified. Douglas County selected for 2019 full recertification audit.

WDNR County Forest Liaison: Terry Asleson, new Team Leader, upon Dale Rochon's retirement. Jim Latvala, former Douglas County Forester, to be new WDNR Liaison located at the Gordon Ranger Station.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Moen, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk