

**FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 6:00 p.m., Forestry Department Headquarters**  
**9182 E. Hughes Avenue, Solon Springs, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mark Liebaert, Mary Lou Bergman, Steven Long (arrived at 6:15 pm), Joseph Moen, and Nick Baker. Others present – Howard Flamang, Mark Halvorson, Derek Essen, Dane Amundson, Shelley Nelson, Max Ericson Sr., Dean Amys, Brian Rusk, Don Amys, Ben Skaar, Candy Holm Anderson, Jon Harris, Alex Rowe, Logan Jones, Clint Meyers, and Cheryl Larson, Acting Secretary.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

**SUSPEND THE RULES:** Motion by Bergman, second Moen, to take up item 4a. Motion carried.

**Reforestation Program Funding Policy:** Referred from September 30, 2019, meeting. Fund to be used for all general forest improvement and reforestation activities to help offset unanticipated needs and/or significant annual budget increases. Harris recommending funding mechanism be 1.25% of annual gross timber sale revenues with a \$350,000 reserve cap.

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Bergman, second Moen, to approve clarification that existing Reforestation Reserve Fund be eligible for use on all general forest improvement and reforestation needs, 1.25% of annual gross timber sale revenues be designated and reserved in the fund annually, the fund have a \$350,000 cap, and forward to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Harris announced that tract numbers were drawn randomly and will be opened and read in the order they were drawn. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to opening any bids for that individual tract.

**OPEN AND READ TIMBER BIDS:** Bids were opened and read aloud.

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Moen, to accept the high bids most advantageous to Douglas County after they are checked for accuracy and qualifications. Motion carried.

**Campground End of Season Closing Date and Off-Season Camping Policy:** Refer item to future meeting.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Upper St. Croix Lake Conservation Project:** Sellers are getting anxious. It may be necessary to spend all or a portion of the \$300,000 in project gap funding recently approved as part of a related county forest land sale project before that project is officially closed.

**2019 Douglas County Park Campgrounds Revenues Report:** Report detailing annual revenues from the three county campgrounds included in packet. CY2019 experienced the highest campground revenues on record. 2019 camping fee increase does not appear to have had any impact on campground use.

**2019 Log-a-Load for Kids Charity Event on County Forest Land (Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association):** Event was a great success. Close to 1,100 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from area

schools attended. Weather was not ideal but event received much positive feedback. Department has also received accolades for all the preparatory work and staff involvement.

**2019 County Forest Certification Audit Update:** Final SFI report has been released. FSC report soon forthcoming. First county forest audit ever on record where no corrective actions, observations, or opportunities for improvement were identified. Department, other participating counties, and WCFA have all received much positive feedback for audit efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Bergman, second Moen, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Larson, Administrative Services Supervisor