

FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Wednesday October 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m., Douglas County Forestry
Solon Springs, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mark Liebaert, Mary Lou Bergman, Steve Long, Joseph Moen. Absent - Nick Baker. Others present – Derek & Amanda Essen, Jim Latvala, Jon Harris, Craig Golembiewski, Logan Jones, Keb Guralski, Justin Holmes, Clint Meyer, and Cheryl Larson, Acting Secretary.

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 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to opening any bids for that individual tract.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 Long, second Moen, to accept the high bids most advantageous to Douglas County after checked for accuracy and qualifications. Motion carried.

Request to Amend Forestry Department Blanket Exemption Under 1.17, Pesticide Ordinance: Amendment to previous approved exemption application (January 2021) in meeting packet - requesting additional blanket permission to chemically treat oak wilt, heterobasidion root disease, and other forest health diseases on all lands owned and/or managed by the Forestry Department. Ability to promptly treat outbreaks as they are discovered plays a significant role in treatment success. Multiple new occurrences of oak wilt have been identified within the forest over the last couple of months. Coming back to committee during regularly scheduled meetings for individual chemical treatment approval requests for each new detection is inefficient and risks the timely effectiveness of treatments. Purpose of ordinance and whether blanket approvals permitted within the ordinance as written were discussed. Discussion on possible options allowing for individual approvals and whether a blanket approval can/should be utilized or not. Liebaert to consult County Corporation Counsel for further information and bring back to committee.

ACTION: Motion by Long, second Bergman, to refer request to next meeting. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Request to amend Forestry Department blanket exemption under 1.17, Pesticide Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Moen, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Larson