

**DOUGLAS COUNTY FOREST, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 6:02 p.m., Solon Springs Community Center**  
**11523 S Business 53, Solon Springs, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Liebaert.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mark Liebaert, Mary Lou Bergman, Steve Long, Joseph Moen and Nick Baker (remote). Others present – Mark Halvorson, Matt Kurilla, Brian Rusk, Jim Latvala, Jon Harris, Craig Golembiewski, Justin Holmes, Alex Rowe, Logan Jones, Clint Meyers, Keb Guralski, Bridgid Reina-Williams, Shelley Nelson (remote), 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 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to opening any bids for that individual tract.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 Baker, second by Moen, to accept the high bids most advantageous to Douglas County after they are checked for accuracy and qualifications. Motion carried.

**Withdrawal and Sale of Property in the Town of Lakeside:**

Map distributed identifying property (approximately 40 acre parcel) a neighboring property owner would like to purchase from the county. The parcel offers no legal access to Douglas County or the public. Presence of two creeks on the property further limit access within the parcel. Without public access, the WDNR does not rank the property very high as a public benefit. Minimum per acre value for the property require for sale. Town assessor estimated fair market value at \$700 to \$800 per acre. Property would be offered through a sealed bid process. All adjacent land owners would be contacted. Proceeds required to be designated for future county forest land acquisition. Permission requested to authorize Liebaert and Harris to finalize sale process.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Long, second by Baker to approve withdrawal of property from County Forest Law, subsequent sale of land at a minimum per acre value of \$700, with proceeds designated for future county forest land acquisition, and authorize Liebaert and Harris to finalize sale process, and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Town of Summit Encroachment:** Survey has been completed and map included in the packet. 7.9 acres of a newly constructed access road is located on county forest land. Timber and stumps were cleared and a substantial drivable road was constructed. Original adjacent property owner responsible for constructing the road no longer owns the property that has since been subdivided and sold. New owners purchased the property under the understanding that the road was on their property. County owned land has difficult access. Possibility for pursuing an access easement with one of the new owners discussed. County options for resolution include seeking reimbursement for surveying expenses and stumpage value considerations. Permission requested to authorize Liebaert and Harris to negotiate a settlement.

**ACTION:** Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to authorize Harris and Liebaert to negotiate a settlement with responsible party and property owners, including negotiate potential easement interests, and any recovered expenses be designated for future county forest surveying needs. Motion carried.

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

Submitted by,

Cheryl Larson  
Acting Secretary