

FOREST, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Douglas County Board of Supervisors

Monday, December 17, 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, Nick Baker, Joseph Moen (left at 10:02 a.m. – returned 10:55 a.m.), Steve Long. Others present – Max Ericson Sr., Cody Kamrowski, Jon Harris, Candy Holm-Anderson, Craig Golembiewski, Mark Schroeder, Shelley Nelson, Jim Latvala, Cheryl Larson, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Moen, second Bergman, to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2018, timber sale meeting and October 29, 2018, regular meeting. Motion carried.

Department Reports:

Budget: Included with members' packet. Anderson reviewed the budget for the time period ending October 31, 2018.

Forest Management Operations: Golembiewski reported a lot of road work going on; crews busy working 17 active sales; 4 hauling. Oak Wilt detection occurred on Flat Lake Road near Towns of Gordon/Solon Springs (map distributed). The monitoring and controlling of future outbreaks discussed. American Bird Conservancy Grant update provided.

Parks and Recreation: Schroeder reported working on FEMA project closures, providing requested information; grants; snowmobile and ski trail maintenance; and due to flood damage, portions of Saunders Grade Trail is closed.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Open and Approve Timber Sale Bids: Bids were opened and read aloud. Cheryl Larson recorded results, totaling approximately \$167,000. Detailed results will be posted on the county's website by the end of the day tomorrow.

ACTION: Motion by Bergman, second Long, to accept the high bids most advantageous to the county after they are checked for accuracy and qualifications. Motion carried.

2019-2023 Douglas County Outdoor Recreation Plan: Attached – reviewed. Required every five years.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Bergman, second Long, to approve 2019-2023 Douglas County Outdoor Recreation Plan, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 Department Annual Work Plan: Attached – reviewed. Required annually. Include previous year harvesting goals in next year's plan.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Long, second Bergman, to approve 2019 Department Annual Work Plan, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 Annual WDNR Recreational Trail Grant Program Participation: Annual approval required by state for WDNR Recreational Trail Grant participation.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Bergman, second Baker, to approve participation in 2019 Annual WDNR Recreational Trail Grant Program, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Village of Solon Springs Property Acquisition:

Property Acquisition: Village of Solon Springs private landowner offering to sell to Douglas County 0.5 acres near Lucius Woods County Park. Map distributed. Removing old cabin structure and utilizing as vacant public property is short term goal. Potential long-term goal may entail partnership with the village or other entity to consider parking area development options.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to approve acquisition of property located in the Village of Solon Springs at an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Release of Capital Reserve Funding (Land Acquisition): Requesting release of capital reserve funding in the amount of 25,000.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Baker, second Bergman, to approve release of capital reserve funding (land acquisition) in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/CORRESPONDENCE/UPDATES/REPORTS:

Extended Timber Sale Contracts: Spreadsheet with updates to extended timber sale contracts reviewed.

Upper St. Croix Forest Land Conservation Project (The Conservation Fund): One of the parcels proposed as match raised some concerns, so was removed and the grant application resubmitted to Joint Committee on Finance for passive review. Harris should hear whether there are any objections to the grant application this week and will provide update to committee at the next meeting.

WDNR Wisconsin State Park System Award: Schroeder reported that Douglas County Forestry was awarded an exceptional partner plaque from WDNR.

WDNR County Forest Liaison: Latvala reported working on assigned county timber sales and is on target to meet time standards goal for the fiscal year.

Future Agenda Items: No January meeting. Next meeting is February 25, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Baker, second Long, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk