

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2024

Land and Forestry Committee Present: P. Schneider, P. Unterschuetz, T. DuSell, J. Kalepp

Absent: J. Biller

Others Present: J. Macholl, H. Woldhuis, D. Jochimsen, D. Mansky, B. Grunseth, J. Waeltz, G. Sihsmann, E. Webster

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 17th, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kalepp and DuSell request an amendment of the December Meetings.

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, and second by Kalepp to approve the December 20th, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public spoke on agenda items

MONTHLY REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Report:

Jerrad reported on Weirgor ATV trail development, Weirgor bridge installation progress, Bucks Lake ATV trail, and stormwater permits.

Timber Sale Report:

Jerrad reported on active timber sales.

Administrator Report:

Jerrad reported on Spring timber sales, Carbon Credit update, Private access permit, and DNR partnership meeting.

Public Trail Committee Report:

J. Waeltz reported there was no AdHoc committee meeting in December, and commented on vehicle ordinance updates.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Trail Recommendations:

None at this time.

Annual Report:

Jerrad reported on the 2023 Annual Report.

Motion by DuSell, Second by Kalepp to forward to County Board. Motion Carried

Advertise to Hire Summer LTEs:

No discussion

Motion by DuSell, second by P. Unterschuetz to approve advertising to hire summer LTEs. Motion Carried

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Vehicle Use Ordinance Changes:

The Committee discussed the Resolution as presented to update the Vehicle Use Ordinance.

Motion by Kalepp, second by P. Unterschuetz to approve changes as written and forward to the County Board.

Motion Carried.

Blue Hills ATV Issues:

Discussion held.

Motion by DuSell, Second by Kalepp to enter into a closed session at 4:16 PM. All responded Yes.

Closed Session – Announced by Chair

Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e). Land Purchase Negotiation. Chair announces closed session for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Open Session at 4:33 p.m.

Out-of-County Travel:

Request for out-of-country travel February 13-15, 2024 for WCFA Spring Meeting.

Motion by DuSell, Second by Kalepp to amend attendance to WCFA Spring Meeting Remove P. Schneider with P. Unterschuetz. Motion Carried.

Motion by DuSell, Second by Kalepp to approve out-of-county travel. Motion carried.

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, second by Kalepp, to approve the December AP report as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. LEC Board Room.

*Minutes prepared by:
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