

Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

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

Others Present: J. Macholl, H. Woldhuis, B. Hauser, B. Grunseth, J. Waeltz, G. Sihsmann, E. Webster, T. Paulson

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Rusk County Land and Forestry Committee was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 21st, 2024.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Biller, and second by P. Unterschuetz to approve the January 17th, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public spoke on agenda items

MONTHLY REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Report:

Jerrad reported snowmobile trail conditions, snowmobile club updates regarded funding, received award letter for new ATV trail project, Little Thornapple bridge project to be install next winter, and Community park pavilion use.

Timber Sale Report:

Jerrad reported on active timber sales and completed sales.

Administrator Report:

Jerrad reported on communication with Senators regarding funding/project concerns and Bill 484. Elk advisory updates, WCFA Spring Administrative Meeting, and Carbon Credit updates.

Public Trail Committee Report:

J. Waeltz reported frozen road access, opening date recommendations, and no trails verified during the winter.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION

Trail Recommendations:

None at this time.

Resolutions:

Motion by P. Unterschuetz, Second by Biller to approve and forward to County Board. Motion Carried

USDA APHIS Beaver Control 2024 Contract:

The Committee discussed the contract as presented.

Motion by Biller, second by Kalepp to approve the USDA Aphis Beaver Control 2024 contract. Motion Carried.

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Advertise for Campground Hosts:

The Committee discussed

Motion by Biller, second by P. Unterschuetz to approve advertising for volunteer Campground Hosts. Motion Carried

Pavilion Use Request:

No Discussion

Motion by Biller, Second by Kalepp, to approve the donation of Murphy Pavilion use to Rusk County Fair for the Annual ATV Ride. Motion Carried.

Vehicle Use Ordinance Changes:

No updates presented

Motion by Biller, Second by P. Unterschuetz to enter into a closed session at 3:46 PM. All responded Yes.

Closed Session – Announced by Chair

Pursuant to WI Stats 19.85(1)(e). Timber Sale Contract Request. 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 3:54 p.m.

Motion by Biller, Second by Kalepp to enter into a closed session at 3:55 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 4:03 p.m.

Motion by Kalepp, second by P. Unterschuetz to forward to Finance for Bid. Motion Carried.

Out-of-County Travel:

N/A

Review and Approve Bills:

Motion by Biller, second by P. Unterschuetz, to approve the January AP report as presented. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Biller, second by Kalepp to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 20th, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. LEC Board Room.

*Minutes prepared by:
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