

**PRICE COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 12, 2021 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Jeff Hallstrand, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Jeff Hallstrand, Paula Houdek, Waldemar Madsen, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Eric Holms, Joe Grapa

Nick reviewed procedure for those attending electronically

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Correspondences: From WI DNR regarding approval of the 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Ginny Strobl commented on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.
2. Minutes from November 10, 2020 meeting: Motion Houdek/Madsen to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. 2020 Fall Timber Sale Bids: Bids were opened and awarded in December. Hardwood sales are not going well. Motion Spacek/Houdek to confirm the acceptance of the high bids. Motion carried.
4. Future Expansion of County Campgrounds: Potential for expansion at various campgrounds. Motion Spacek/Madsen to direct the Forest & Parks Department to look into potential expansion of County campgrounds and grant opportunities. Motion carried.
5. 2019 Annual Report: Reviewed.
6. Cranberry Dam Repair Update: USDA recommended an engineering review of the dam and its structure. DNR has requirements regarding the timing of the grant. Will need to reevaluate what needs to be done when the engineering information is received.
7. Cranberry Creek Shooting Range Update: WDNR and NRA grant applications have been submitted. Waiting on results. Citizen has requested biodegradable targets.
8. Access Management – Damage done to Roads and Gates in 2020: Numerous instances of road and gate damage on County woods roads.
9. Department Report: 2020 Stumpage revenue \$1,177,696. Eight active sales. Freezing down logging roads. Two more tree planting projects coming up.
10. Retirement of Forest & Parks Administrator: Eric Holm retiring as of January 24th after 35 years with the County. Joe Grapa will be appointed Interim Administrator and Fred Freeman will step up as Interim Forester. Nick will work with the Administration Committee to request a waiver of the County's Department Head position search requirements to make these transitions permanent.
11. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$64,275.52. Motion carried.
12. Set Next Meeting Date: April 6.
13. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk