

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

Date: April 6, 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, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl. Excused: Waldemar Madsen.

Also present: Robert Kopisch, Nick Trimner, Joe Grapa

Nick reviewed procedure for those attending electronically

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Correspondences: Communication received from Wisconsin County Forests Association regarding initiatives of the Timber Professionals Cooperative.
2. Department Reassignments: following the retirement of Eric Holm.
 - a. Joe Grapa – Forest & Parks Administrator
 - b. Fred Freeman – Assistant Forest & Parks Administrator
 - c. Recruiting for Forester: Application deadline April 14th.
3. Minutes from January 12, 2021 meeting: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
4. 2021 Spring Timber Sale: Reviewed 18 tracts that will be presented for bids.
5. Timber Sale Extensions: Reviewed list of proposed timber sale contract extensions. Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the list as presented. Motion carried.
6. Future Expansion of County Campgrounds: Presented initial information on potential expansion of the Solberg Lake County Park and the Smith Lake County Park.
7. Cranberry Creek Shooting Range
 - a. Update: Discussion on project status. Survey will need to be done to apply for the grant.
 - b. Grants Process: Motion Spacek/Houdek to amend Resolution 29-20, Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant, to include \$2,000 the County will need to pay for the survey, to be covered by the grant, if approved. Motion carried.
8. Resolution – Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement: County Forest Roads 700, 702, 703: Motion Spacek/Houdek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
9. Resolution – Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grant: Motion Houdek/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
10. Resolution – Outdoor Recreation Grant Application: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
11. Carbon Project Development: Discussion on Bluesource Forest Carbon Project Development. Motion Strobl/Spacek to continue looking into the program. Motion carried.
12. Department Fee Schedule: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the fee schedule as presented. Motion carried.
13. Department Report: Covered in previous agenda items.
14. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Houdek/Strobl to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$38,172.61. Motion carried.
15. Set Next Meeting Date: April 20 and May 4.
16. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk (with meeting notes provided by Nick Trimner)