

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

Date: April 9, 2019

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 James Hintz, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Marguerite Sue Bocock, Jeffrey Hallstrand, James Hintz, Sheryl Slaby. Excused: Paula Houdek.

Also present: Nick Trimner; Eric Holm; Joe Grapa; Kyle Schmidt, WDNR

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Correspondence: Letter from the DNR thanking department for assistance with ruffed grouse translocation to Missouri.
2. Minutes from February 12, 2019 meeting: Motion Hallstrand/Slaby to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Steve Creek Flowage – Derek Johnson, DNR: Dam repair estimate is \$300,000 with scope of project change. In engineering phase. Construction could be this fall. Needs to be completed by June 2020. Price County will need to enter into an MOU for future maintenance.
4. 2019 Spring Timber Sale: 17 tracts. Motion Bocock/Hallstrand to approve the forest timber sale as presented. Motion carried.
5. Catawba – Kennan Snowmobile Trail: Presented by snowmobile association representatives. New trail connecting Taylor County and Price County. Consensus of committee to support the project.
6. Maintenance of Department Equipment:
 1. Trucks and Trailers: Need work done in a timely manner. Will continue to work with the Highway Department for maintenance.
 2. Bulldozer: Requiring \$13,000 in repairs. Will get quotes for repairs.
7. Resolution – Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Planting: Motion Slaby/Bocock to postpone until the next meeting. Motion carried.
8. Pine Line Trail – schedule tour: Will schedule for May or June.
9. Department Report: Stumpage revenue at \$1,035,431. Good winter conditions. 15 sales completed. Solberg Lake boardwalks are being reconstructed. Attended Wisconsin County Forest Association meeting. Work on fall timber sales until spring park clean-up can start.
10. Financial Report and Voucher: Motion Slaby/Hallstrand to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$194,197.40. Motion carried.
11. Set Next Meeting Date: May 14th.
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk