

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

Date: May 4, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54558

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Jeff Hallstrand, Committee Chairperson at 9:03 a.m. Present: Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Waldemar Madsen (arrived 9:06 a.m.). Also present: Nick Trimner, Joe Grapa, Robert Kopsisch
Nick reviewed procedure for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Correspondences: None.
2. Minutes from April 6 and April 20, 2021 meetings: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the minutes from the April 6 and April 20, 2021 meetings as presented. Motion carried.
3. 2021 Spring Timber Sale: Joe reviewed bid results. 18 parcels. Seven had no bid. Bids on 11 tracts for a value of \$377,496.75. Any parcels with no bid can be sold for minimum bid price. Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the high bids as presented. Motion carried.
4. Resolution – Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting: Motion Ernst/Madsen to postpone until the next meeting. Motion carried. Will clarify the revenue received from and replanting expenses for each parcel.
5. Future Expansion of County Campgrounds: In planning stage. May require easements across private land for electric service.
6. Resolution – Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Lands: Josh Strauss from Bluesource joined virtually for discussion. Motion Spacek/Madsen to table until later in the meeting. Motion carried.
7. Cranberry Creek Shooting Range: State Archeologist is schedule to assess property.
8. 2020 Annual Report: Reviewed as presented. Motion Spacek/Madsen to approve the 2020 Annual Report and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.
9. Department Report: Hired new Forester. Ready for summer activities. Doing beaver trapping in-house. Timber revenue at \$1,024,000.
10. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the voucher in the amount of \$199,516.16. Motion carried.
11. Set Next Meeting Date: August 5.
12. Closed Session: Announcement and motion Spacek/Madsen to adjourn to closed session at 10:45 a.m. pursuant to the exemption in Wis. State Statute 19.85 (e) 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. For the purpose of:
 - a. Negotiate Potential Contract with Bluesource for Forest Carbon Offset Project Development
 - b. Motion to Return to Open SessionRoll call vote: Yes (5): Ernst, Hallstrand, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl. No: (0). Motion carried.
Motion Spacek/Strobl in closed session to return to open session at 11:40 a.m. Roll call vote: Yes (5): Ernst, Hallstrand, Madsen, Spacek, Strobl. No: (0). Motion carried.
13. Take Action, as needed, on closed session items
 - a. Resolution – Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Lands: Motion Spacek/Madsen to remove item from the table. Motion carried. Motion Ernst/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward to the Executive Committee for their consideration. Motion carried.
14. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk