

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

Date: August 5, 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 9:00 a.m. Present: Brian Ernst, Jeff Hallstrand, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl, Waldemar Madsen. Also present: Nick Trimmer, Joe Grapa

Nick reviewed procedure for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Jackie Barnes, City of Phillips; Jeff Premeau, Town of Kennan; Joe VanDeVoort, Town of Georgetown in opposition of item #3 on the agenda.
2. Minutes from May 4, 2021 meetings: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Resolution – Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Price County Owned Land: Discussion on the program and contract. Motion Ernst/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward the Executive Committee for their consideration and to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Roll call vote: Yes (3): Ernst, Hallstrand, Spacek. No: (2): Madsen, Strobl. Motion carried.
4. Resolution – Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (Parcel 4-21): Motion Spacek/Madsen to approve the resolution and forward the Executive Committee for their consideration and to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
5. Resolution – Designating General Fund Money for Parcel Replanting (Parcel 9-21): Motion Madsen/Strobl to approve the resolution and forward the Executive Committee for their consideration and to the County Board with recommendation for adoption. Motion carried.
6. Future Expansion of County Campgrounds: Will come down to funding. Have applied for DNR grants for work at Timms Hill and Big Falls Parks. Discussion of needs at various parks.
7. Cranberry Creek Shooting Range: \$103,289 for total project. Received \$77,467 from DNR 75% grant. \$24,612 from The Friends of the NRA grant. \$1,210 will come from other donated funds. Motion Madsen/Spacek to approve using the designated funds from a Whitetails Unlimited donation to cover the remaining cost of \$1,210. Motion carried.
8. Department Report: Reviewed campground data. \$1.2 million in stumpage revenue. Working on road transfer to Town of Harmony. DNR will be doing their five-year audit. Wildlife habitat and Pine Line Trail maintenance grants. Monitoring vandalism at parks. Working on fall stumpage sale. Seeing action on the cooperative for purchase of the Park Falls Paper Mill.
9. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$214,274.10. Motion carried.
10. Set Next Meeting Date: October 21.
11. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk