

**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022**  
**FOREST, PARKS & RECREATION/LAND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE OF**  
**OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Draft minutes until Committee approved

Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM by Greg Sekela, Chair.

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Greg Sekela, Al Stranz, Judith Buhrandt, Bob Pott and Tim Cole

OTHERS PRESENT: Monty Brink, Forest, Parks & Recreation Administrator; Brian Gross, County Surveyor; Michelle Seefeldt, Administrative Assistant; Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Andy Dryja, 7-Towns/Recreational Officer; Darren Laskowski, Deputy Sherriff; Todd Skarban, Sherriff; Chip Lonzo, and Sylvia Pott

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Change of Sequence - None
- b. Removal of Items – None

Moved by Stranz/Cole to approve the agenda. Motion voted on and carried.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved by Pott/Buhrandt to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022. Motion voted on and carried.

**3. Communications**

- TU News –Spring boat landing cleanup to help eliminate clammy water is scheduled for April 30, 2022. Sites include County BB Park, Underhill Park, Patzer Park and others.

**4. Review Prior Month's Vendor Payments**

Monty Brink presented the Forest & Parks and Brian Gross presented the Land Information Systems bills for committee review.

**5. Recreational Officer Report**

The Recreational Officer report was discussed and Officer Dryja reported on:

- Transitioning from snowmobile season to ATV season
- Looking for additional trail connectors to Langlade County
- It was a long snowmobile season but very good for tourism
- Signage on the NST will be based on club input
- Important to educate recreationalists on what is required to operate an ATV in Oconto County

**6. LIS Administrator Report**

The LIS Administrator's report was discussed.

- Ortho Photo flight scheduled for spring
- Looking to release the platbook in June/July
- Contacting townships for their road work schedule

**7. WDNR Liaison Report**

The WDNR Liaison report was discussed.

- Fully staffed in Oconto Falls
- WCFA time standards were sent to the DNR. Oconto County will lose 34 hours.

**8. 2021 Annual Reports**

The Committee reviewed the Land Information Systems and Forest & Parks 2021 Annual Reports. Moved by Stranz/Cole to take the Land Information Systems and Forest & Parks 2021 Annual Reports to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

**9. Kassander Driveway Permit**

Monty Brink informed the Committee that no communication has been received from the Town of Mountain on the open records request. Discussion held. The Committee would like to have Corporation Counsel follow up with another letter putting them on notice of an open records violation and to inquire if a new application is completed and all criteria are met, will a permit be issued.

**10. Weso Dam Replacement**

Monty Brink reported that Superior Sewer and Water contacted him about cost saving changes to the Weso Dam replacement bid. Brink will discuss these changes with the DNR. Discussion held on ARPA funds. Would like to use excess ARPA funds allocated to the Forest & Parks Department for the Chute Pond bridge to the Weso Dam replacement. Moved by Stranz/Cole to accept the lowest bid received for the Weso Dam Replacement project and to use the excess ARPA funds allocated to the Chute Pond footbridge project. Motion voted on and carried.

**11. Resolution requesting assistance with National Forest issues related to ATV/UTV Trail Connection between Langlade and Oconto Counties**

Monty Brink gave history on the reason for this resolution. Funding is being approved for projects then project work is not completed or the project is being denied. Motion by Buhrandt/Pott to take the Resolution requesting assistance with National Forest issues related to ATV/UTV Trail Connection between Langlade and Oconto Counties to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

**12. Timber Sale Preview**

Monty Brink reported that there are 9 timber sales totaling 584 acres and \$448,000 on the 2022 timber sale. Monty presented a policy change on the scaling-conversion factor. Discussion held. Stranz/Cole to add the scaling-conversion process change to the timber sale contract. Motion voted on and carried.

**13. Forest & Parks Administrator Report**

The F&P Administrator's report was discussed.

- The Leja appraisal will be done by Sterio for \$3,000.
- Jacob Robenhorst will go full time on May 20, 2022.
- LTE's applicants have been contacted. Will hire 3 park LTE's and a caretaker at North Bay Shore Campground.
- Timber sale contract extensions will be reviewed in May – Discussion held.

**14. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)**

None.

**15. Meeting Dates**

The Committee selected May 3, 2022 for the next meeting date.

**16. Adjournment**

Chair Sekela adjourned the meeting at 10:03 AM.