

MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
FOREST, PARKS & RECREATION/LAND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE OF
OCONTO COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS
Draft minutes until Committee approved

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

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Greg Sekela, Robert Pott, Al Stranz and Tim Cole

OTHERS PRESENT: Monty Brink, Forest, Parks & Recreation Administrator; Brian Gross, County Surveyor; Michelle Seefeldt, Administrative Assistant; Todd Skarban, Sheriff; James Plotkin, Sheriff Deputy, Darren Laskowski, and Chief Deputy

1. Approval of Agenda

- a. Change of Sequence
- b. Removal of Items

Moved by Cole, seconded by Pott to approve the agenda. Motion voted on and carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Stranz, seconded by Cole to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020. Motion voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Department Bills for the Month of July

Brian Gross presented the Land Information Systems bills for committee approval. Monty Brink presented the Forest & Parks bills for committee approval. Moved by Cole, seconded by Stranz to approve the July Land Information Systems and Forest & Parks bills. Motion voted on and carried.

4. Communications

- North Bay Shore Campground Inspection Report
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission notification on deviation from run-of-river requirement for Potato Rapids Hydroelectric Project #2560.
- Oconto Fire & Rescue report on the Forestry Shop
- E-mail from Brandon Hytinen on WISDOT Lot for sale in Mountain – corner of CTH W/STH 32
- E-mail from the new FEMA coordinator Sara Fosbaugh with a update on the NOC Storm claim
- E-mail from Diane Nicholas. The 2020-2021 Leadership Oconto County has been canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions
- E-mail from Greg Sekela – received compliments for the Forest & Parks Department on the new backstops at the Machickanee Shooting Range and keeping the BB Park looking nice.
- E-mail from Annie Tess on the Chute Pond amenities. Bathroom concerns.
- E-mail from Dave Follett, Trail Boss of the Machickanee Cross Country Ski Trails. Horses and unauthorized ATV/motorcycles are damaging the trails and bridges.

5. Recreational Officer Report

Recreational Officer Report was reviewed and discussion held. Officer Plotkin reported on the following:

- Assisted Dusty Trails with a recent event held.
- This is not a typical vacation summer – discussion held.
- Discussion held on activities held on the Chute Pond sandbar.
- There is an increase in tubing activity at BB Park.
- Have received several complaints on tree stands in the county forest.

6. LIS Administrator Report

Brian Gross asked if there were questions on the administrative report sent. Discussion held.

7. WDNR Liaison Report

WDNR Liaison report was reviewed and discussion held. Monty Brink informed the Committee that the DNR has 143 hours/13.6% toward the 2020-2021 time commitment.

8. Sustainable Forestry Grant

Monty Brink stated Steve Kaufman would like to apply for a Sustainable Forestry Grant to treat invasive plant species within the Oconto County Forest. Moved by Stranz, seconded by Pott to authorize Steve Kaufman to apply for a Sustainable Forestry Grant to treat invasive plant species within the Oconto County Forest. Motion voted on and carried.

9. Road Access Permits

Monty presented road access permits for review. Motion by Cole, seconded by Stranz to approve road access permit requests for Zehms Family Trust & Sharon Helfenbein. Motion voted on and carried.

10. Weso Dam Repairs

Monty Brink informed the Committee that the Weso Dam auxiliary spillway blew out due to high water and a blockage. Becher Hoppe has inspected the dam and engineering fees would be roughly \$10,000. Discussion

held on the unexpected engineering & repair costs. Moved by Pott, seconded by Stranz to take the unexpected engineering costs for Weso Dam to Finance for payment consideration. Motion voted on and carried. Moved by Stranz, seconded by Cole to take the unexpected engineering costs for Weso Dam to County Board for payment consideration. Motion voted on and carried.

11. Red Pine Presentation to County Board

The Committee viewed a power point presentation on the red pine planting on Becker Rd. The presentation will be presented to County Board. Moved by Stranz, seconded by Cole to take the red pine presentation to County Board. Motion voted on and carried.

12. 15 Year Forestry Comprehensive Plan

Monty Brink handed out chapters 800, 900 and 2000 for the Committee to review. Comments and changes will be reviewed at the September meeting. Discussion held on changes to chapters 700, 1000 and 3000.

13. Forest & Parks Administrators Report

Monty Brink asked if there were questions on the administrative report sent. Discussion held on report and the following items:

- The Timber Financial Statement – currently 13% behind in revenue. Discussion held.
- There is still only one logger cutting in the county. Discussion held.
- The Highway Department is blacktopping the ATV crossings – Grant ATV-4086.
- The automated pay station for North Bay Shore has been ordered.
- The Machickanee Boat Landing Expansion Grant request will be reviewed on August 18, 2020.
- The Machickanee Boat Landing brings in 20% of the boat landing revenue.
- The ORV Counsel meets on August 25th & August 26th to review ATV grant requests. We have requested grant funding for dust control and rehab on the Nicole State Trail.
- Discussion held on the Wisconsin Mask Mandate.

14. Informational Items Only

None

15. Meeting Dates

The Committee selected September 1, 2020 for the next meeting date.

16. Adjournment

Moved by Cole, seconded by Pott to adjourn at 10:17 AM.