

**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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, Al Stranz, Judith Buhrandt, Tim Cole and Bob Pott

OTHERS PRESENT: Monty Brink, Forest, Parks & Recreation Administrator; Brian Gross, County Surveyor; Michelle Seefeldt, Administrative Assistant; Daniel Woodke, Recreational Officer; Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Darren Laskowski, Deputy Sheriff; Brenda Carey-Mielke, Town of Mountain Supervisor, James Baur; Gerald Lonzo; Mark Winkler and Bill Tachick

**1. Approval of Agenda**

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

Moved by Pott, seconded by Stranz to approve the agenda as amended to include 5a. Recreational Officer Report. Motion voted on and carried.

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

Moved by Buhrandt, seconded by Cole to approve the minutes of September 1, 2020. Motion voted on and carried.

**3. Approval of Department Bills for the Month of September**

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

**4. Communications**

- Received thank you cards from Seventh Day Adventist Youth Group for allowing them to camp at Grange Park.
- Received a compliment on the great condition of the campground and parks.
- Oconto County Tourism sent over The Business News showing Oconto County has the biggest change in tourism dollars.
- Wisconsin Outdoor News – Article on newly acquired Oconto County properties giving access to the Oconto River.

**NOTE: The Committee was informed of a typo on the original posted agenda. Agenda should have listed Town of Mountain – Kassander Property and Recreational Officer Report as separate items.**

**5. Town of Mountain – Kassander Property ~~Recreational Officer Report~~**

Monty Brink updated the Committee on obtaining permits to put the parking area in at the Kassander property on Section 4 Lane. The Town of Mountain postponed the request to obtain a driveway permit. Brenda Carey-Mielke, Town of Mountain Supervisor approached the Committee to express the concerns of the residents of Section 4 Lane. Concerns center on flooding/water issues and additional traffic to a residential area when there is already access to the river on Section 4 Lane. Discussion held. The Committee recommends that the Forest & Parks Administrator have the parking area staked out now so the area can be monitored in the spring, apply for the Shoreland Zoning Permit and ask for a grant extension to June 2022. The Committee also directed the Land Information Systems Administrator to mark the elevations of the parking area. Will hold off on constructing the parking lot until after the spring of 2021.

**5a. ~~Town Mountain – Kassander Property~~ Recreational Officer Report**

The Recreational Officer Report was handed out. Discussion held. Officer Woodke informed the Committee that a group of squatters were removed from the Machickanee Horse Parking Lot with the assistance of County Protective Services. Is in need of additional trail cameras to monitor common dumping areas to better identify violators. Discussion held on the Machickanee Shooting Range, volunteers, and shooting after hours. Several individuals have been caught behind the gate after hours.

**6. Town of Breed – Weso Dam Abandonment/Removal Process**

Monty Brink updated the Committee on the Weso Dam abandonment process. The dam removal grant has been submitted and the abandonment application will be submitted once the Committee supplies dates for public comment. Discussion held with public comment. The consensus from the public comment is to see the dam repaired opposed to removing it. Discussion held on repairs and cost. The Committee will

proceed with the abandonment permit and selected December 1, 2020 and January 5, 2021 at 10:00AM for public comment. This will give concerned parties time to get funding commitments.

**7. LIS Administrator Report**

Brian Gross asked if there were any questions on the LIS Administrator Report sent. Discussion held.

**8. WDNR Liaison Report**

Monty Brink reported that Steve Kaufman returned from fire duty in Washington on September 29, 2020. The Committee viewed a presentation on the one year anniversary of the NOC Storm. Discussion held.

**9. Red Pine Seedling Order – Butler Springs**

Monty Brink stated that 173,000 red pine seedlings are needed to plant 173 acres on Butler Springs Road. Moved by Stranz, seconded by Pott to forward a resolution to County Board to purchase 173,000 red pine seedlings for Butler Springs Road. Motion voted on and carried.

**10. Dirt Bikes on ATV Trails**

Monty Brink received a request to allow dirt bikes on the ATV trails. This request would require an ordinance change to allow off highway motorcycles on the trails. Discussion held. The Committee is not in favor of changing the ordinance to allow dirt bikes or off highway motorcycles on the trails.

**11. 15 Year Forestry Comprehensive Plan**

Monty Brink shared the comments received on the 15 year plan. Discussion held. Moved by Cole, seconded by Buhrandt to send the 15 year plan to the DNR for review. Motion voted on and carried.

**12. Forest & Parks Administrators Report**

Monty Brink updated the Committee on department activities:

- Awarded a Conservation Aids Grant for the Horse Parking Lot for \$8,827
- There will be a fishing tournament at North Bay Shore in 2021
- Grant awards are as follows:
  - 12.9 new snowmobile miles - \$3,870/annually
  - 3 ATV winter miles - \$600/annually
  - NST ATV Rehab - \$45,000
  - NST RTP Rehab - \$45,000
  - 9 segments of Trail Rehab - \$149,750
  - ATV Dust Control Townsend Area - \$45,000
  - RTP Dust Control Townsend Area - \$45,000
  - USFS 2259R Trout Rehab Crooked Lake Area - \$3,000
- The FSC/SFI Forest audit will be conducted in 2022. The last one was in 2015.
- The Automated Pay Station was installed at NBS this week
- DNR Partnership meeting was October 1, 2020
- The October 7, 2020 Snowmobile Alliance meeting was cancelled. Supplemental is being paid out at 100%
- ATV Trails close on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm
- The USFS trail runs through Gary Amel property. He had a gate damaged and threatened to close down the trail. Discussion held.
- Discussion held on the County Road BB shelter. Salvage vs rebuild.
- Discussion held on active timber sales, timber sale revenue and markets.

**13. Informational Items Only**

None

**14. Meeting Dates**

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

**15. Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Sekela at 11:11 AM.