

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

Date: February 8, 2022 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, Waldemar Madsen, Jordan Spacek, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Joe Grapa

Jean reviewed procedure for those attending electronically.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communication: None. Jeremy Pesko contacted Joe indicated municipalities should get a portion of the carbon credit revenue, similar to stumpage revenues.
2. Minutes from November 8 and December 14, 2021 meetings: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the minutes of the November 8 and December 14, 2021 as presented meetings as presented. Motion carried.
3. Timber Sale – Tract #18-20: Successful bidder did not submit the signed contract and bond by deadline of January 14th. Recourse can be keeping the bid bond and forbid future bidding. Motion Spacek/Ernst to attempt to cash the bid bond check and ban bidding on stumpage sales for the next two years by Franzen Forest Products, Inc. and/or any company owned/operated by Justin Franzen. Motion carried.
4. Resolution – Price County Comprehensive Recreational Plan (2022 – 2027): Motion Strobl/Madsen to add “Reopening the wayside in the Town of Catawba on Highway 8.” to the Specific Strategies to Implement Vision I. Motion carried. Motion Spacek/Madsen to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
5. Resolution – Request to Apply for WDNR Cost Share Grants (Solberg Lake County Park Boat Ramp Project): Discussion on project and the County’s share. Motion Spacek/Madsen to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
6. Resolution – Wisconsin Wolf Population Goal: Motion Ernst/Spacek to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.
7. Future Expansion of County Campgrounds: What funding sources are available? Proposals:
 - Timm’s Hill County Park – improved access road, new pit toilet (\$78,500).
 - Big Falls County Park – nine site expansion, new pit toilet, electric, recreational activities (\$258,550).
 - Solberg Lake County Park – 30 site expansion with electric, bathroom/shower building, playground equipment, recreational activities (\$645,900).
 - Smith Lake County Park – 10 site expansion with electric, bathroom/shower building, recreational activities (\$245,060).
 - Possible reservation process at some sites at some parks. Future discussion.Motion Spacek/Strobl to set project priorities as: 1) Timm’s Hill, 2) Big Falls, 3) Smith Lake, 4) Solberg Lake and forward to the Executive Committee to determine funding availability. Motion carried.
8. Cranberry Creek Shooting Range: Bids sent out for the shooting shelters. Pit toilet scheduled to install this summer.
9. Department Report: Bids sent out on pavilion replacement at Solberg Lake County Park. 18 active timber sales. 2021: \$1,866,000 with \$29,000 to collect. Catawba Fire Lane new culvert replacement \$18,000 and potential transfer of road to Town of Catawba. Working on spring timber sales. Analyzed benefit of preparing woods roads for stumpage sales and costs to make improvements to some of the access areas.
10. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Madsen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$137,694.41. Motion carried.
11. Set Next Meeting Date: April 12th.
12. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk