

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

Date: May 11, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting called to order by Jeff Hallstrand, Committee Chair at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Jeff Hallstrand, Jason Hastings, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl. Also present: Nick Trimner; Joe Grapa; Derek Johnson, DNR Wildlife Biologist; Alan Barkstrom.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: In reference to agenda Item #4: Jean Gottwald, City of Phillips in opposition; Tom Bader, Town of Kennan in favor; communication received by the Board Chair in opposition.
2. Minutes from April 11, 2023 Meetings: Motion Strobl/Stephan to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
3. Spring Timber Sale Bids: Reviewed bid results. Bids on all but two tracts. Total of all bids \$522,177. Motion Spacek/Hastings to approve the Spring Timber Sale bids as presented. Motion carried.
4. Lower Steve Creek Flowage – County Ownership Options: Discussed the DNR required maintenance plan. According to Supervisor Strobl, Senator Quinn and Representative Green are working on getting additional funding and the Town of Kennan has agreed to do the road improvements. Motion Strobl/Hastings for the County to take it over. The DNR denied reconsidering the project. Derek Johnson will appeal to the Dam Safety Program to extend the February 2024 deadline to mid-2024. He also spoke on different options for the project. Potential decrease in cost to \$660,000. The federal grant the DNR had gotten for the project has been reallocated to other projects. Strobl/Hastings rescinded the original motion. Confirmation on the extended time allocation will be presented at the next Forestry & Parks meeting.

Supervisor Stephan left meeting at 10:00 a.m.

5. Department Report: 60% stumpage revenue. Market is slow. Park cleanup ongoing. Birch pole theft. Beaver washouts repairs. Solberg Lake projects starting. Omaha Road into Smith Lake Park will be paved this year by the Town of Lake.
6. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the voucher in the amount of \$36,227.81. Motion carried.
7. Set Next Meeting Date: June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk