

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

Date: June 13, 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, Jordan Spacek, Patricia Stephan, Ginny Strobl. Absent: Jason Hastings. Also present: Nick Trimmer; Joe Grapa; Derek Johnson, DNR Wildlife Biologist; Alan Barkstrom.

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: None.
2. Minutes from May 11, 2023 Meetings: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023 as presented. Motion carried.
3. Lower Steve Creek Flowage – County Ownership Options: Received letter from DNR Dam Safety Program approving additional extension to June 30, 2024 for the County to make a decision. Jeff Premeau Supervisor from Town of Kennan spoke stating Representative Green is requesting \$750,000 in the state budget for the project.
4. 2022 Annual Report: Motion Spacek/Strobl to accept the 2022 Annual Report and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.
5. Campground Reservation System: Joe put out a query to other counties for information on systems. Motion Spacek/Strobl to move forward with the campground reservation system to be implemented January 1, 2024. Motion carried.
6. Department Report: 85% on stumpage revenue. Five active timber sales. Town of Worcester bridge project on Solberg Lake will eliminate need for boat landing at that location. State funding increases for department and ATV/UTV trail maintenance. Two fires on County forest land. Pine Line gravel project complete. Starting Timms Hill access and toilet project. Attended training. Solberg Lake boat landing and pavilion projects moving forward. Carbon plot verifier on site this week. On track to receive first payment in the first quarter 2024. 115,000 established credits currently at \$15-\$18. After five years will add 43,000 annually, currently at \$22-\$25 per credit. Executive Committee will decide on funding allocation.
7. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Stephan to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$68,981.04. Motion carried.
8. Set Next Meeting Date: August 10.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk