

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

Date: August 10, 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 Trimner; Joe Grapa; Kyle Schmidt, DNR; Derek Johnson, DNR Wildlife Biologist; Tom Onchuck, DNR Regional Forestry Supervisor

Items for discussion and possible action:

1. Public Comment and Communications: Jeff Premeau, Supervisor from Town of Kennan regarding agenda item #4.
2. Minutes from June 13, 2023 Meetings: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2023. Motion carried.
3. Price County Forest Special Use Land Property Dock (11174): Reviewed issue of private dock on County property on Bass Lake in the Town of Hill. Letter was sent to owner of the dock requesting removal. Owner would like to work something out with the County for the dock to remain. For future discussion.
4. Lower Steve Creek Flowage – County Ownership Options: Project would need to be engineered and approved by the DNR. Cost estimate of \$748,750. Motion Strobl/Spacek start the process of getting a resolution and MOU with the Town of Kennan and start it now. Motion carried. Resolution will include language to accept the grant money from the State of Wisconsin, take ownership and operation of the dam and development agreements with the Town of Kennan for maintenance of the town road.
5. Campground Reservation System: Still gathering information.
6. E-Bikes Policy / Ordinance: Motion Spacek/Strobl to move forward with amending County Code Chapter 398-20 Vehicular traffic to include language covering off-highway motorcycles and electric bikes. Motion carried.
7. Fine Amounts / Update Ordinance: Motion Spacek/Hastings to draft amended ordinance to address changes discussed. Motion carried. Recommendation to have forfeiture be double the permit fee.
8. Disappearing Creek Boat Landing: Town of Worcester is replacing the existing culvert with a bridge that will cut off part of the current boat landing access. Motion Spacek/Hastings to draft resolution to notify the DNR about the reduced boat landing access. Motion carried.
9. Drift Splitter Snowmobile Club Warming Shelter: Motion Stephan/Strobl to approve the Drift Splitter Snowmobile Club request to build and maintain a warming shelter on County property in the Town of Kennan. Motion carried.
10. Lake States Timber Sale Transfer: Motion Spacek/Strobl to move forward with the transfer of timber sale 01-21 from Lakes States Timber to Theodore Strozck Logging and draft any necessary contracts. Motion carried.
11. Lugerville Grade Road Extension: Motion Spacek/Strobl to approve transfer of 560' of Lugerville Grade Road to County Forest Road as discussed. Motion carried.
12. Department Report: Camping is down from prior years. Solberg Lake Park pavilion, boat landing and paving is final stages. Old pavilion is being removed due to structural issues. Discussion regarding ice machine – not functional. Thimm's Hill toilet delivery expected. Applying for state grant for ATV/UTV trail. Bids out on several ongoing projects. Timber markets are tight. Geogetown Trail being graveled. A lot of beaver activity. Several vandalization issues at Tuscobia Park.
13. Financial Report and Vouchers: Motion Strobl/Spacek to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$195,524.44. Motion carried.
14. Set Next Meeting Date: September 12 at 8am.
15. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Submitted by: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk