

Unofficial Until Approved

Forestry & Parks Committee Minutes

July 9, 2019; 9:00 a.m.

Courthouse RM 101, Neillsville, WI

Call to order 9:04 a.m.

Supervisors Present: Tom Wilcox, Al Bower, Joe Waichulis, Dean Zank, and Allen Krause, Jr

Supervisors Absent: None

Others present for all or some of the meeting: Rick Dailey – Forestry and Parks Administrator; John Wendorski – Forestry Manager; Marcus Aumann – Parks & Programs Manager; Daryn Horn – Facilities Supervisor; Mary Olson-Back – Office Business Manager; Wayne Hendrickson – County Board Chair; Dan Clough – Neillsville Improvement Corporation (NIC)

The Administrator presented the June 11, 2019 minutes for committee approval. Motion by Al Bower, seconded by Dean Zank to approve the June 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administrator presented the June 13, 2019 minutes for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Al Bower to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on RESOLUTION 27-8-19 – SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAIL FROM NEILLSVILLE TO CHILI. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to approve RESOLUTION 27-8-19 – SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL TRAIL FROM NEILLSVILLE TO CHILI as presented. Voice vote, 4 ayes and 1 no vote by Al Bower, motion carried.

Marcus Aumann arrived @ 9:13 am

Mary Olson-Back presented the 2019 year to date financial summary for committee review. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to receive and file the 2019 year to date financial report as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on the Forestry and Parks fund balances. The Administrator reviewed the estimated fund balances for year-end 2018 and 2019 and suggested that \$800,000 could be transferred into unrestricted/assigned accounts as part of the 2020 budget and still maintain county fund balance goals. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to propose a transfer of \$800,000 from the unreserved portion of the 330-fund balance to the unrestricted/assigned dam improvement account in the amount

of \$200,000 and \$600,000 to the unrestricted/assigned capital infrastructure account and to forward to Finance Committee. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on the 2020 Forestry and Parks and Fairgrounds budgets. The Administrator reviewed several projects planned for 2020 and asked the committee for feedback and suggestions for other projects. The Committee gave the Department direction on what to include in the 2020 budget and set a budget meeting date for August 22, 2019 at 9:00 am in the auditorium. No action taken

Daryn Horn presented the inmate labor report for committee review. Inmate crews have been processing and stacking firewood and trimming at parks as needed. No action taken.

Pickup truck bids were presented for committee review and approval. The lowest bid was from Gross Motors for a 2019 Ram 1500 that included several options and trade-in of a 2003 F-250. Motion by Tom Wilcox, seconded by Al Bower to approve the low bid with trade-in from Gross Motors for the 2019 Ram 1500 to include all options presented and a 32 gallon fuel tank if it can be added. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on an updated access agreement in the Town of Hewett for Brian Thompson. This agreement includes and expiration date along with other minor changes. Motion by Al Bower, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the access agreement in the Town of Hewett for Brian Thompson as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

John Wendorski presented the department policy for mobility device access permits for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Dean Zank to approve the department policy for mobility device access permits as presented to include the change of the word parks in paragraph d(i)(2) to facilities. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on the timeline and process for revising the Clark County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Administrator presented a plan for recruiting a stakeholder advisory sub-committee that will take part in reviewing the plan as it is being drafted. Motion by Dean Zank, seconded by Allen Krause to approve the plan for recruiting the Clark County Forest Fifteen Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan stakeholder advisory sub-committee. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

The Administrator presented RESOLUTION 26-7-19 – APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SELK ELECTRONICS FOR PROPERTIES IN TOWN OF DEWHURST AND TOWN OF MEAD for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Al Bower to approve RESOLUTION 26-7-19 – APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SELK ELECTRONICS FOR PROPERTIES IN TOWN OF DEWHURST AND TOWN OF MEAD as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Discussion held on the Fairgrounds revitalization project. The committee explored several options to fund part of the livestock-building project with Forestry and Parks funds in 2020. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Allen Krause for the Forestry and Parks Department to match 100% on all

donations up to the final cost of the livestock barn. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried. The Administrator updated the committee on fundraising efforts and reported that Excel Energy completed electric distribution upgrades at the Fairgrounds as part of the revitalization project at no cost to the county.

Dean Zank left the meeting @ 12:55 pm

Discussion held on the sale of used equipment from the Forestry and Parks shop. The department was directed to move forward with selling several pieces of used equipment in whatever manner is most advantageous to the department. No action taken.

Discussion held on Sherwood Dam embankment. The Administrator reported that there is sloughing occurring along the embankment and that he is investigating appropriate corrective actions with assistance from the WI DNR. No action taken.

Under General Department Updates, the Administrator reported that he is preparing for the upcoming County Board tour of county owned facilities next Monday, the 2018 county budget has not been closed due to a backlog of reconciliations and is impacting completion of the department annual report, the recreation software implementation is going well, and the next phase of Munis installation is scheduled for the coming months.

Under Forest Management Update, discussion held on DNR time standards, annual timber sale goals, sprayer rental, and the 2019 summer tour. John Wendorski, Forestry Manager provided an update on site prep for 2020 tree planting and Dicky Creek CFL entry. John also reported on successful RGS and Turkey stamp grant acquisition efforts. State fiscal year timber sale reports were reviewed.

Under Parks Management Updates, Marcus Aumann reported that he is investigating options to fix the Rock Dam beach erosion issues, playground equipment will be installed at Mead Lake Park and Wildrock Campground this week, the 4th of July weekend was busy and no major issues were reported, and a wildlife issue at Sherwood Lake was addressed with assistance from USDA wildlife technicians.

Under Trails Management Update, Marcus Aumann reported that the Sherriff's Department in cooperation with the WI DNR wardens participated in a large group check on Clark County ATV trails and lakes with numerous citations and many verbal warnings being issued and there have been several ATV/UTV accidents that occurred in recent weeks on town roads that connect to the County ATV trail system.

Under Fairgrounds Management Update, Daryn Horn reported that the dairy barn rewire project is complete and pending state inspection, several small events have been held at the fairgrounds the past few weeks, higher than usual camping is expected during the upcoming City of Neillsville's Heritage Days celebration, wifi is now available near the grandstands, the sign along HWY 10 is working better with the

new software installation, and the Highgrounds is trying to organize a large event to begin in 2020 that could include the fairgrounds.

Under Bruce Mound Management Update, Daryn Horn reported that Emergency Management hosted a regional meeting at the chalet and annual chairlift maintenance is scheduled in the coming weeks.

Under Dams Management Updates – The Administrator reported that the Southern Clark County Sportsman Club is hosting a fundraiser at Sherwood Lake Park to reduce the bullhead population and stock more game fish at the lake. The Administrator also discussed CTH M flooding and possible corrective actions when the bridge across the South Fork of the Eau Claire River is replaced with the Highway Commissioner.

Wage rate changes - None

Vouchers for June 2019 were presented for committee approval. Motion by Joe Waichulis, seconded by Tom Wilcox to approve vouchers for June 2019 as presented. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Call for public comment – none received

Next regular meeting date was confirmed for August 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium.

Motion to adjourn at 2:43 p.m. by Allen Krause, seconded by Al Bower. Voice vote, all ayes, motion carried.

Rick Dailey, Secretary