

AGENDA

Eau Claire County

• Committee On Parks & Forest •

Monday, June 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Webex Events

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1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Review/Approval of Committee Minutes - **Discussion/Action**
 - a. May 11, 2020
4. Public Comment
5. Modified with COVID-19 precautions Eau Claire County Junior Fair Proposal – **Discussion/Action**
6. Riverview Road Shooting Complaint – **Discussion**
7. Discussion of 2 Year Goals
8. Expo Center Event Season 2020 Update – **Discussion/Action**
9. 15 Year Forest Plan Update - **Discussion**
10. Director's Report
11. Future Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Meeting – July 13, 2020 at 5 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Prepared by: Ali Moe, Parks & Forest

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MINUTES

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Members Present: Missy Christopherson, Gary Gibson, Joe Knight, Tami Schraufnagel, Kevin Stelljes

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Jody Gindt – Supervisor, Jake Tumm – Forester, Ali Moe – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Kyle Johnson – DNR Liaison, Erika Gullerud – Finance, Bayli Maliszewski – CORBA, Jereme Rauckman, Nathan Lilly – Youth Cycling, Debbie Kitchen – Friends of the Fair, Lisa Vetsch – Friends of the fair, Sue McDonald – Friends of the fair

Chair Stelljes called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 13, 2020 meeting. Schraufnagel moves to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, minutes were approved 5-0.

No members of the public were present.

Chairperson *pro tempore* Stelljes opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the Committee. Supervisor Knight nominated Supervisor Stelljes. Supervisor Gibson moved to cast a unanimous ballot to appoint Supervisor Stelljes as chairperson. Chairperson *pro tempore* Stelljes called for roll call. The motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Stelljes was elected Chairperson.

Chairperson Stelljes opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Committee. Supervisor Schraufnagel nominated Supervisor Knight. Chairperson Stelljes called for a roll call vote: Christopherson; aye, Gibson; nay, Knight; aye, Schraufnagel; aye, Stelljes; aye. By majority vote 4-1, Supervisor Knight was elected Vice-Chairperson.

Ali Moe was appointed Committee Clerk by Chairperson Stelljes, with the consent of the committee.

Schraufnagel requested agenda items be moved around.

Bayli Maliszewski with CORBA was present to request a temporary storage unit on the Expo grounds to store CORBA volunteer's trail maintenance supplies. A storage unit in close proximity to the single track that CORBA maintains would allow the group to use tools and equipment for efficiently. The unit would be placed in the South East corner of the Expo parking lot, and up to 40 feet in length. Schraufnagel moved to approve a temporary storage unit on site of the Expo grounds. Supervisor Knight seconds the motion. **Action:** CORBA will work with Director Pedersen and Corporation Counsel to draft up a lease for the placement of the unit.

Nathan Lilly, the head coach of Eau Claire Youth Cycling group, was present to request leasing a spot on the Expo grounds to place their trailer year round. Supervisor Knight moves to approve allowing the Eau Claire Youth Cycling to place their trailer on the Expo grounds year round, subject to review by Corporation Counsel. The committee voted in favor to approve, 5-0. **Action:** Corporation Counsel and Director Pedersen will work with ECYC to draft an agreement for placement of a trailer on the Expo grounds.

Director Pedersen and Ali Moe presented an updated list of current events to be held at the Expo Center and the outlook for the 2020 season. The Expo is still winterized, and there are currently no staff out there to set up for events and clean up.

Debbie Kitchen, Lisa Vetsch, and Sue McDonald represented Friends of the Fair to present a plan for the 2020 Junior Fair that aligns with the current health declaration and social distancing guidelines. The health department will need to be involved in planning this fair. Currently, the fair will be limited to exhibitors and immediate family members only. The Expo grounds will allow for social distancing. The fair committee will need to do full set up/take down. This item will be revisited at the next meeting. No action taken.

Jake and Kyle present the timber sale bids. Three sales had no bids. Supervisor Knight moves to approve the sales as bid. The committee approved unanimously, 5-0.

Director Pedersen presented a letter from the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association asking WCFA member counties to consider taking steps to alleviate hardship on timber sale contract holders by providing a no cost one year extension to those sales set to expire now and the end of 2020, to release deposits and bonds within 20 working days of timber sale completion, to consider eliminating minimum bid requirements or having an overall sale minimum, and finally reducing bid and performance bonds to 5%. No action was taken.

The resolution 20-21/022 encouraging the Eau Claire Deer Advisory Committee to establish harvest deer quotas and population levels that promote forest health and diversity, sustain forest regeneration, and slow the spread of chronic wasting disease on the public lands within the central forest deer management unit of Eau Claire County was presented by Director Pedersen. This is a joint resolution between Parks & Forest and Planning & Development. Gary motioned to approve, and the committee approved unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Stelljes would like to discuss the department's 2 year goals at the next meeting. Committee members can forward their ideas and goals for the next two years to the Committee Clerk to discuss next month.

Director Pedersen discussed the budget process is approaching. He will be sending out a list of his capital project requests for 2021 to the committee members for feedback on the items.

Also up for discussion is how often and when the committee will meet, department tours, events, and forestry tour.

The next meeting date was set for May 11th at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Ali Moe
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III – Parks & Forest