

MINUTES

Eau Claire County

Joint Meeting: Committees on Parks & Forest and Finance & Budget

Monday, August 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Eau Claire County Government Center

721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire – Room 1277

Present Parks & Forest: Joe Knight, Tami Schraufnagel, Jodi Lepsch, Dane Zook, Missy Christopherson

Present Finance & Budget: Dane Zook, John Folstad, Robin Leary, Jim Dunning, Cory Sisk

Others Present: Josh Pedersen, Jody Gindt, Erika Gullerud, Kathryn Schauf, Norb Kirk, Amy Weiss, Sue McDonald, Kyle Johnson, Michele Skinner

Call to Order Committee on Parks & Forest and confirmation of meeting notice

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

Call to Order Committee on Finance & Budget

Chairman Zook called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Budget Overview (Parks & Forest)

Director, Josh Pedersen provided an overview of his proposed 2023 budget. The committee had the opportunity to discuss in detail, ask clarifying questions, and provide input. Motion by Schraufnagel to approve the 2023 budget request as presented. All in favor and none opposed, motion passes.

Committee on Finance & Budget Adjournment

The Committee on Finance & Budget adjourned at 6:25 p.m., ending the joint committee meeting.

Review of July 8, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Knight suggested amendments to the minutes pertaining to the Health Department presentation, indicating that the department would seek to find the source of bacteria in Lake Altoona via the source (human, ruminant, or avian). Chairman Knight also suggested to delete the sentence regarding selling carbon credits under the Climate Action and Resilience Plan, indicating that it seems confusing. Supervisor Zook motions to accept the amendments as presented and approve the minutes from July 8, 2022. All in favor.

2023 Fee Schedule Changes

Josh Pedersen presented two suggestions on fee schedule changes for 2023. These were to increase the Harstad Park pavilion rental to \$75 and to add the LL Phillips Park pavilion to the rental schedule for a fee of \$50. Supervisor Zook motioned to accept the recommended fee schedule changes as presented and to also increase the Expo Center winter storage rate to \$1.75/sq. foot. All in favor.

Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for September 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. There was some discussion on the possibility of holding a fall forest tour and the topic will be placed on the September 12th agenda for consideration.

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Josh Pedersen
Committee Clerk
Director – Parks & Forest