

MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• Committee on Parks & Forest •

Monday, December 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

227 1st Street West., Altoona – Room 103 and 104

Members Present: Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel, Jodi Lepsch (Virtual), Nate Otto

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Kimberly Watnemoe – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Erika Gullerud – Finance Analyst, Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison, Jacob Tumm – EC County Forester

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

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

Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

Review of November 13, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Otto motions to approve the minutes with necessary amendments from November 13, 2023. All in favor.

Approve 2023 Fall Timber Bid Results

Forester Tumm spoke about the bid results. Overall, they had 31 bids selling 8 of the 12 tracts. Sales revenue was 55% higher than the advertised value. Tumm also mentioned with the sales that did not sell he will either try to find other acres to add to make the sale more appealing to loggers or will sell the sale for direct purchase as long as it's under \$10,000. Supervisor Schraufnagel motions to approve 2023 Fall Timber Bid Results. All in favor.

Director's Report

Director Pedersen provided an update on the Carbon Credits project forest plots will be established beginning on 12/12/2023 and will be completed sometime in January. They are working on 292 plots. He then spoke about the capital projects that are wrapping up such as the new Coon Fork garage and the installment of three new payment kiosks at Tower Ridge, Big Falls, and Coon Fork dayside. A seasonal groomer position was posted for applications with the hope of having someone hired for the new year. Ideally this individual would work nights, weekends, and holidays.

Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for January 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Items for discussion include the annual work plan.

Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Kimberly Watnemoe
Committee Clerk
Administrative Specialist III