

## MINUTES

Eau Claire County

### • Committee on Parks & Forest •

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Agricultural and Resource Center

Eau Claire County Courthouse – Room 3312

Members Present: Joe Knight, Missy Christopherson, Tami Schraufnagel, Jodi Lepsch

Others Present: Josh Pedersen – Director, Kimberly Watnemoe – Administrative Specialist III (Committee Clerk), Kyle Johnson – DNR County Forest Liaison

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

Chairman Knight called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m and confirmed public posting of the meeting.

#### Public Comment

No members of the public wished to make comment.

#### Review of January 8, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Lepsch motions to approve the minutes from January 8, 2024 All in favor.

#### Resolution 23-24-073 Authorizing the Parks & Forest Department to Participate in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Municipal Dam Grant Program for the Lake Altoona Dam and Eau Claire River Dam

Director Pedersen spoke on this grant application. He would like to apply for a grant that would help fund a dam automation project for Lake Eau Claire and Lake Altoona dams. This would not only be more efficient as it would allow for automation of lake levels, but it would also reduce the need for on-call hours for rangers. This project was already factored into the 2024 budget, while the exact number is not known yet Pedersen estimated the cost being roughly \$600,000. Once the grant application is submitted Pedersen will be notified of the decision by roughly June or July.

Supervisor Lepsch motions to approve Pedersen to apply for the grant and move forward with the project. All in favor.

#### Future Parks & Forest Committee Meetings and Items for Discussion

Next Parks & Forest committee meeting date is set for March 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

#### Committee on Parks & Forest Adjournment

The Committee on Parks & Forest adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Kimberly Watnemoe  
Committee Clerk  
Administrative Specialist III