

MINUTES OF October 10, 2024, IRON COUNTY FORESTRY & PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Scott Erickson, Chair, at the Iron County Forestry Conference Room, 607 3rd Ave N, Hurley, WI 54534. Forestry/Parks Committee members present include P. Hanson, W. Thomas, S. Erickson, M. Loreti, T. Hiller and Eli Ladwig, Logger Representative. Others present during the meeting included: Eric Peterson, Forest Administrator, Tara Krall, Office Manager, Larry Youngs, County Board Chair and Katy Broquard, WDNR.

Tara Krall verified proper public notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by P. Hanson supported by W. Thomas approving the minutes from September 3, 2024 as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: L. Youngs commended the department on the Log A Load for Kids event.

Chairman report: None

Administrator Report: Current stumpage is \$1,276,986.72 versus \$1,272,296.54 at this time last year.

See attached for remaining Administrator Report.

DNR Report: Katy reported the team time standard hours are currently at 448 hours (18%). Casey Baye has been hired as the Turtle Flambeau Flowage Property Manager. They have begun to move things into the new office building although it is not officially open as they are still waiting on some HVAC parts. Due to the dry weather, the team is back on fire staffing.

Review and set Forestry and Parks Department fees and rates for 2025. Motion by W. Thomas supported by T. Hiller to set the 2025 Forestry & Park rates as proposed at:

Firewood Permit	\$25.00
Bough Permit	\$150.00
Christmas Tree Permit	\$5.00
Day Use Park & Launch	\$5.00
Annual Park Use	\$25.00
Annual Launch	\$45.00
Dumpstation	\$15.00
Road Use Permit	\$400.00
Private Utility Service Lines	0.50/foot/\$100 min
Land Access Agreements	\$400.00
County Land Withdrawal App	\$1,000.00
Prospectus/Maps mailing fee	\$10.00

Camping Fees - Saxon

Nightly - electricity	\$43.00
Nightly - tent	\$30.00
Weekly - electricity	\$258.00
Weekly - tent	\$180.00
Slip - season/foot	\$50.00
Slip – transient/night	\$40.00
Boat pumpout	\$6.00

Pavilion \$55.00
 Gazebo \$35.00
 Kitchen \$55.00

Camping Fees - All other campgrounds

Nightly - electricity \$32.00
 Nightly – tent \$27.00
 Weekly - electricity \$192.00
 Weekly – tent \$162.00
 Pavilion \$35.00

All fees include tax where applicable. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution: Approving a Road Use Permit to William Wilde. Motion by W. Thomas supported by M. Loreti approving the Resolution: Approving a Road Use Permit to William Wilde as presented and forward to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution: Authorizing the Submittal of Applications for Grants to Administer the Iron County Forest for the Year 2025. Motion by T. Hiller supported by M. Loreti approving the Resolution: Authorizing the Submittal of Applications for Grants to Administer the Iron County Forest for the Year 2025 as presented and forward to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Iron County Forestry Work Plan 2025. Motion by M. Loreti supported by W. Thomas approving the Iron County Forestry Work Plan 2025 as presented and move to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve 2024 Fall Timber Sale Contracts. Motion by W. Thomas supported by P. Hanson approving the 2024 Fall Timber Sale contracts as follows:

Tract No	Contract	Contractor	Bid Value
19-23	2948	Sappi North America	\$99,255.25
15-24	2949	Sappi North America	\$252,690.00
17-24	2950	Corullo Forest Products	\$22,640.00
18-24	2951	Corullo Forest Products	\$19,800.00
19-24	2952	Sappi North America	\$8,970.00
20-24	2953	Schloer Logging	\$49,540.00
21-24	2954	Schloer Logging	\$69,400.00
22-24	2955	Corullo Forest Products	\$68,625.00
23-24	2956	Sappi North America	\$36,950.00
24-24	2957	Sappi North America	\$45,740.00
25-24	2958	RM Bay Logging	\$37,200.00
26-24	2959	Schloer Logging	\$120,855.00
27-24	2960	Schloer Logging	\$72,385.50
28-24	2961	Schloer Logging	\$76,605.00
29-24	2962	Melvin Pemble	\$26,325.00
30-24	2963	Schloer Logging	\$25,592.40
31-24	2964	Sappi North America	\$26,770.00
			\$1,059,343.15

All in favor, motion carried.

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Approval of Bills. Motion by W. Thomas supported by T. Hiller approving the bills as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Next Meeting Date. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 5:00 pm. Tentatively the location will be the Mercer WDNR station.

S. Erickson called the meeting adjourned.

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Administrator's Report

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2024 YTD Timber Sale Receipts -- **\$1,276,986.72** vs. **\$1,272,296.54** in 2023 Difference - \$4,690.18 (0.0%)

Forestry Activity

- 3 Logging Crews working on ICF.
- 8 active sales (hauling, closeouts, etc.)
- Multiple crews have pulled out to cut marginal sales with dry conditions.
- Carbon project is active. Iron Co project has potential buyers gathering more information.
- ANEW was in Iron County October 2nd to tour and film promotional and marketing video.

Fall Timber Sale

- 20 Sales (3 rebids) – 17 sales sold. 2,102 acres with estimated 1,040 MBF & 32,928 cords.
- Estimated Sale Value - \$1,059,343.15
- 2024 Sold Sales Value - \$2,041,483.85

County Parks

- All parks will be closing October 14th & 15th for the season.
- Dock to be removed October 15th.
- Graveling on Side 2 at LOF nearly complete (6 new sites)
- Side 1 gravelling to be completed later in October after park winterizing.
- Completed bank stabilization project at LOF with Land & Water Dept.

County Forest Roads

- Foresters mowed Augustine Creek, Crawford Pit, and Crawford Roads.

Recreation

- Final graveling completed on Trail 8 relocation project.
- Met with Mercer Sno Goers to make introductions with new Board of Directors and Trailboss.

Miscellaneous

- Attended WCFA Legislative Certification Meeting.
- Attended WCFA Fall Annual meeting / conference.
- Hosted annual DNR Iron County Partnership meeting.
- ICF crew completed hot barn concrete drain replacement project with Highway Dept.
- Hosted Log A Load for Kids event at Pence ballfield. (Approx. 800 kids)
- Met with North Country Trail reps about Gurney area trail project.
- NOAA is delayed in grant awards due to new online system. Delays Xcel Gile Flowage acquisition.