

MINUTES
Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee
Ashland County Forestry Dept Office
304 West Michigan St, Butternut, WI 54514
June 6, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gary Mertig at 8:00 AM.

Members present: Gary Mertig, Pat Daoust, Marty Vitek, and Kathy Schutte
Members not present: Carl Kubley.

Others present: ACSA-Bill Chandler, DNR Forester Sara Stack, Forest Adm-Chris Hoffman, Assistant Forest Adm, Matt Schultz, Forester-Jerome Wotachek and Secretary-Tom Ernst.

The minutes of the May 4, 2018 meeting were approved with a motion by Marty Vitek, second by Kathy Schutte. Motion carried.

There were no guest for comment.

Snowmobile/ATV Trail Business - Bill C was at meeting with USDA for trail work and bridge work that was due to be done this summer 2018, but the USDA is pushing the work back a summer and will be conducting the work in the summer of 2019. FEMA was due to pay for 75% of the work because of storm damage that had happened in the past summer, but transportation might be taking it over and funding the project 100%. There is trail work that has to be done around the Marengo area and is estimated to take two years to finish the project. Kathy Schutte asked if the projects are still going forward, Bill C. said they are but its very difficult terrain that they are working in and taking a little bit longer than they expected. Gary Mertig noted that there was a lot of ATV activity around for the memorial day weekend.

Recreation Officer's report - Jim C. was not present at the meeting. Jim C. has been busy with a missing persons in the Mellen, WI area for the previous week.

Wildlife Biologist's report - Not present.

Fish Biologist report- Not present

DNR Liaison's report - Sara Stack reported that they were continuing on marking timber while the conditions were still good. She said that there was roughly 410 acres marked and about 300 acres left to mark for the year. Sara, Matt and Jerome were out the previous week conducting a grid search on garlic mustard areas inspecting for new growth. They also inspected areas that were sprayed last year to see if there were any missed plants that might have to be treated this year.

Forest Adm's report - Chris H reported that truck bids were open June 5th and gave the committee a summary of the bids. There were five bids received one bid was rejected because it didn't follow proper procedure. Chris asked for approval to award ashland ford with the winning bid. A motion was made by Pat Daoust and second by Marty Vitek. Motion Carried. Chris H reported that the timber sale bids were opened on June 5th and gave the Committee a summary of the results. Chris said there were four sales for bid and all four sales were bid on. Chris asked for approval to award the contracts to the high bidder of each sale. A motion was made by Kathy Schutte, second by Pat Daoust to approve awarding contracts to the high bidder of each sale. Motion carried.

Chris said there isn't any logging going on because it is too wet and the market prices are low right now. Chris stated that the new quarter opens on July 1st hoping that the markets and wood harvest picks up then.

Kathy Schutte received a letter from the Town of Gordon asking for partial reimbursement for work done on the Clam Lake dam that is located in Clam Lake, WI. The work done mainly involved the removal of brush/trees from the dam. The Town of Gordon already receives roughly \$1,500.00 for road aid from the county. In addition Town of Gordon also receives \$500 for the maintenance of the Dam. Also the township is looking for help with payment for instal and removal of pier at the Gordon lake boat landing. The cost is \$340.00, \$170.00 to put the pier in and \$170.00 to remove in the fall.

Pat Daoust asked if the department had received the information for the Bay City Cultural Center project. Chris stated that he received the information and that the voucher was being sent out for the check.

Approval of the vouchers, motion made by Pat Daoust second by Kathy Schutte

It was brought up by Pat Daoust, that instead of signing every voucher have a manifest that only has to be signed once by the committee covering all the vouchers for the month.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 8:00 AM, Forestry Dept Office, Butternut, WI.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Pat Daoust, second by Marty Vitek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Submitted by
Tom Ernst