

**BAYFIELD COUNTY FORESTRY AND PARKS DEPARTMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
December 14, 2011
County Board Room**

Members Present: Shawn Miller, Chairperson; Marco Bichanich, Vice-Chairperson; John Bennett; Bill Kacvinsky, and Bucky Jardine

Staff in Attendance: Jason Bodine, Administrator; Steve Probst, Asst. Administrator; and Pat Bruno, Office Manager

Others in Attendance: Joseph LeBouton, WI DNR

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson S. Miller at 6:00 P.M.

1. Approval of November 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: (Jardine, Bichanich) to approve the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes. Carried.

2. Monthly Financial Report.

a. Forestry

J. Bodine predicts although December revenues are less than expected to date, the projection is for the final number to be \$400,000 over budget. Expenses are projected to be under budget for the year.

b. Parks

The adjusted parks revenues to date are just under \$78,000. It was found that the transient camper revenues were less than expected.

MOTION: (Bichanich, Bennett) to approve the Monthly Financial Report. Carried.

3. Recreational Use Request: Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival.

Request received from the Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival to use county trails for the 30th annual Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival on September 14-16, 2012 in the Town of Cable.

MOTION: (Bichanich, Kacvinsky) to approve the request to use county trails for the Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival on September 14-16, 2012 in the Town of Cable. Carried.

4. Recreational Use Request: North End Ski Club.

Request received from the North End Ski Club to use country trails for the North End Classic cross country ski race on February 2, 2012 in the Town of Cable.

MOTION: (Kacvinsky, Bichanich) to approve the request to use county trails for the North End Classic cross country ski race on February 2, 2012 in the Town of Cable. Carried.

5. Plum Creek Transaction.

The information was presented at the County Board meeting held on December 13, 2011. No action taken.

6. Timber Sale Re-Offer Approval.

Of two of the sales (Tract 02-11 and 28-11) that were not sold at the fall 2011 offering, Tract 28-11, which is now Tract 56-11, had a price per cord reduction.

MOTION: (Bennett, Bichanich) to approve the re-offer of both sales with adjusted prices on Tract 56-11. Carried.

7. Annual Forestry and Parks Department Work Plan.

J. Bodine discussed the highlights of the proposed *2012 Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Annual Work Plan*. The Plan will be presented at the January 2012 full County Board meeting for final approval.

MOTION: (Jardine, Bichanich) to approve the *2012 Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Annual Work Plan*. Carried.

8. Parks.

Twin Bear Projects

a. Electrical Update.

The project is going very well and on time. More work will be done in 2012.

b. Shoreline Grant Updates

There continue to be Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standard issues that have not been resolved. Mark Abeles-Allison is the lead on this issue now.

9. General Discussion Items.

a. Sand River Pit Update.

J. Bodine reported that one-third of the pit is excavated with the volume removed being less than expected.

b. General Department Updates.

Kirby Dernovsek, Forester, has given a verbal notice that he has accepted a Ranger position with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He expects the start date to be January 3, 2012. Kirby has been with the Department for 11 years.

c. Joseph LeBouton, DNR Representative, Comments.

The Barnes position has been filled.

10. Executive Session.

MOTION: (Kacvinsky, Bichanich) at 6:33 P.M. to move into Executive Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e)(g) for the purpose of considering legal advice regarding strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Carried.

Adjourned in Executive Session at 6:45 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. Location yet to be determined.

Submitted by,
Pat Bruno