

**WOOD COUNTY  
HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**DAY & DATE:** Thursday, January 2, 2020  
**PLACE:** Wood County River Block Auditorium, 111 W. Jackson St.  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495  
**MEETING TIME:** 8:00 A.M.  
**ADJOURNMENT TIME:** 9:22 A.M.  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Adam Fischer, Supervisor William Winch, Supervisor Marion Hokamp, Supervisor Lance Pliml, Supervisor Dennis Polach  
**EXCUSED:** None.  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Roland Hawk, Highway; Director Chad Schooley, Parks and Forestry; Forest Administrator Fritz Schubert, Parks and Forestry; Parks & Forestry Office Supervisor, Sandra Green; Mike Wiberg, Wood County Rescue & Aqua Skiers Representative; John Peckham, Highway; Jason Sachs, Aqua Skiers.

1. Call meeting to order. 8:00 am
2. Declaration of Quorum. Declared.
3. Public comments. None
4. Correspondence None
5. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - a. Approve minutes from previous committee meetings.
  - b. Department Staff Reports
  - c. Department Vouchers
  - d. Department Revenue Reports
6. Review items, if any, pulled from consent agenda  
Page 2 of R. Hawk's report that was not printed. They completed the sale of all three parcels in the Town of Rock and Cary. The deeds were recorded this week, first payment for parcels 1 & 3 was received and the second for parcel 2 should come this week. **Motion by L. Pliml and second by B. Winch to approve consent agenda.**
7. ATV Update. C. Schooley gave an update on meeting with Ho-Chunk Gaming, Nekoosa regarding possibly collaborating on wayfinding signage. Roland gave an update on Town of Remington Bridge opening.
8. **HIGHWAY**
  - a. Highway Revenue Report
  - b. Equipment Purchases. R. Hawk provided an update on specs received for purchase of equipment. Rapids, Scaffidi and Wheelers. Two trucks were tentatively secured to be purchased upon approval by the committee at a discounted cost. Wheelers was almost \$4K less than the second lowest quote. **Motion by L. Pliml and second by M. Hokamp to choose the bid that is most advantageous to Wood County. Motion carried.**
  - c. Sale of Out-lot Parcel in Town of Cary. Highway had surveyed 5 acres from a pit site in the Town of Carey. A price was tentatively agreed upon; however, the owner asked them to hold off on further action due to easements across existing property.

## 9. PARKS AND FORESTRY

- a. 2020 Aqua Skier Red Sands Beach closure request calendar. Discussion was held. **Motion by L. Pliml and second by B. Winch to approve the 2020 Aqua Skier Red Sands Beach Closure calendar. Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>, as well as August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Alumni show and reservation of the shelter building. Motion carried.**
  - b. First Responder LTE hourly wage increase request. The current wage is \$13/hr. and has not been adjusted in over 13 years. The market pay rate is higher than what the county is paying and C. Schooley recommends increasing this wage to \$15/hr. Increasing the hourly wage, and possibly providing a bonus at the end of the season, will hopefully encourage more First Responders in signing up for more shifts during the winter without only relying on two individuals. This increase is not significant and would affect the budget by not more than \$500. L. Pliml is completely in favor of this. **A motion was made by L. Pliml and second by A. Fischer to provide the ability to authorize a .50/hour incentive bonus for working a minimum number of shifts in a season, and an increase in the pay rate to \$15. B. Winch, no. Motion carried. B. Winch agrees with the hourly increase, but does not agree with the bonus.**
  - c. Wood County Parks and Forestry Annual Work Plan and Resolution. **Motion to approve by L. Pliml and second by D. Polach. Motion carried.**
  - d. Wood County 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan: Proposed Timeline and Discussion. This was last done in 2005 and is available on our website. All counties are now beginning the process of re-drafting their plans, and is a statutory requirement to be in the county forest program. This process will be time consuming and a lot of work for the Wood County Forest Administrator and the DNR County Forest Liaison. They were advised that it is good to get committee approval of the process right at the beginning of this lengthy effort. Stakeholders will be contacted, general public notification via county website, Facebook, newspaper, committee meeting minutes and agendas. Draft chapters will be presented monthly as they are completed. There is a consensus to move forward.
  - e. Parks Revenue Report. L. Pliml asked what the future holds for additional campsites at South Park. C. Schooley stated we do not currently have the dollars budgeted for moving forward, however, it is in the 5-year plan. The current plan is to continue improving the sites we have with the operating budget that was approved for 2020. B. Winch asked about firewood sales. C. Schooley will bring a full report on the sales of firewood for 2019 to the next meeting. **Motion by L. Pliml and second by D. Polach to approve the revenue report. Motion carried.**
10. Forestry Revenue Report. The total gross revenue indicates a very poor year mostly due to weather and soil conditions. **Motion made by M. Hokamp and second by L. Pliml to approve the Forestry Revenue Report.**
11. The committee may go into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (c), to discuss performance evaluation of Parks & Forestry Director. **Motion by L. Pliml and second by B. Winch to go into closed session. Dennis yes, Bill yes, Adam yes, Lance yes, Marion yes. Motion carried.**
12. Return to open session at 9:20 am.
13. Future Agenda Items. None.
14. Set next regular meeting date: February 6, 2020 at 8:00 am at the Wood County Highway Shop, 555 17<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
15. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 am.

*Minutes taken by Sandra Green, Wood County Parks & Forestry Office Supervisor*