



## MEETING MINUTES

**Committee:** Forestry and Recreation Committee  
**Date:** August 28, 2024  
**Time:** 3:30 PM  
**Location:** Highway Department Conference Room

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 3:30 PM
2. Silence cell phones
3. Conduct Roll Call

### FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Name	Role	Status
Steve Maier	Chair	Present
John Medo	Vice-Chair	Present
Roger Buck	Member	Present
Rick Bina	Member	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present

### Non-Committee Members Present

Name	Interest	Name	Interest
Al Murray	Forestry, Parks and Rec. Admin.	Doug Curler	County Board Supervisor
Jason Hilger	County Administrator	Wes Phillips	DNR
Cody Brauner	Asst. Forest Administrator	Joe Jopek	Ice Age Trail Alliance
Jamie Gildernick	Admin. Asst. at Forestry, Parks and Rec	Thomas Ginter	Forestry, Parks and Rec Maintenance Specialist
		Judy Nagel	County Clerk/Rec. Secretary

4. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of August 6, 2024:** Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to approve the August 6, 2024 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Introduction of New Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department Employees:** Forest Administrator Murray introduced Jamie Gildernick, Office Assistant at the Forestry Office, and Thomas Ginter, Forestry, Parks and Rec Maintenance Specialist. The Committee introduced themselves to the two new staff.
7. **DNR Report:** Wes Phillips, WI DNR, stated they are working on the detection, sampling, and salvages of Oak Wilt. Phillips is also working on road improvements and berms. It is requested that at next month's meeting to bring information regarding spring pond pumping.
8. **Forest Administrator's Report:** Written report, to be followed through the meeting Agenda.
9. **Fall Timber Sale Bid Opening:** Forest Administrator Murray suggests the bid opening for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at the Forestry Conference Room, authorizing the County Administrator and Forest Administrator to complete the Bid Opening Process. Discussion held. Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to approve the County Administrator and Forest Administrator on Tuesday, October 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to conduct the Fall Timber Sale Bid Opening, opening the bids, accepting the highest responsible bid and to issue contracts to the accepted bid. All ayes, motion carried.
10. **2025 Budgets – Capital Projects:**

**Perch Lake Electrification:** Forest Administrator Murray shared the bid responses, 2, with the Committee, noting that there were two options for design and installation, one design using the calculated need and one for the 800-amp service. The estimate for the installation of the 800-amp service is \$37,800.

Bids are:

Peiper Electric, calculated need: \$238,263.38  
Andraschko Plumbing 800-amp service: \$247,500  
Andraschko Plumbing, calculated need: \$212,000  
Peiper Electric 800-amp service: \$262,968.40

Motion by Medo, second by Buck to budget \$290,000 for the electrification of Perch Lake Campground. Discussion on ROI for the electricity. All ayes, motion carried.

**Fairgrounds Restroom:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the Fairgrounds Restroom Project, noting the project's total cost exceeds the carry forward budget from 2023, \$91,057.50. Murray would like to see the restroom placement completed by December 1, 2024, and operational by May 1, 2025. Discussion held.

Bids are:

Heinzen Incorporated: \$176,980.00  
Musson: \$310,104.58

Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to add \$100,000 to the Fairgrounds Restroom Project Budget, using the carry forward funds of \$91,057.50, for a 2025 Fairgrounds Restroom Project Budget of \$191,057.50. All ayes, motion carried.

**Fairground Marquis:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the Marquis sign at the Fairgrounds, stating the sign is obsolete and funds are budgeted for in 2024, \$45,000, with quotes received at less than the 2024 budget, therefore, no Committee action. Murray plans to have the sign replaced by Spring, 2025.

**11. 2024 Campground Occupancy Report:** Forest Administrator Murray provided the Committee with a handout of the 2024 Jack Lake Campground Occupancy. Murray noted that lakeside sites are at 97% occupancy in 2024, non-lakeside sites are at 57% occupancy in 2024, group sites are at 49% occupancy in 2024, and cabins are at 72% occupancy in 2024. Murray noted the gross revenue to date is \$227,007.40. Perch Lake Campground occupancy was discussed, noting a less than 5% occupancy, with a gross revenue of \$17,765.98. Discussion held. Murray stated requests for electricity and a beach at Perch Lake Campground is a popular request.

**12. Fee Schedule:**

**Camping Fees:**

**Premium (lakeside and weekend):** Discussion on the current fee schedule, \$40 per night, increasing the site fees. Motion by Bina, second by Medo to change the lakeside and weekend camping fees at Jack Lake from \$40 per night per site to \$50 per night per site. All ayes, motion carried.

**Perch Lake Electrified Sites:** Discussion on sites at Perch Lake, with and without electricity, currently all sites are \$30 per night per site. Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to set electrified sites at Perch Lake to \$40 per night per site. Discussion held. Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to amend the motion to set electrified sites as they become available to \$35 per night per site, and leave the non-electrified sites at \$30 per night per site. All ayes, on the amended motion.

**Regular (weekdays and non-lakeside):** Discussion held. Motion by Medo, second by Bina to increase the fees, currently \$40 per night, increasing to \$45 per night per site. All ayes, motion carried.

**Group Sites:** Discussion on group site occupancy, South Shore amenities, eliminating the South Shore Group site in 2025, and re-organizing it to be 6 lakeside sites without electricity. Motion by Bina, second

by Balcerzak to separate the sites at South Shore, creating 6 sites, without electricity, setting the fees at \$45 per night per site. All ayes, motion carried.

**Sleeping Cabins:** Discussion on the current fee, \$75 per night. Motion by Medo, second by Buck to increase the fee per night from \$75 per night to \$90 per night. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on South Shore and the Cabins having hand pumps that can make the locations more seasonal.

**Seasonal Site:** Discussion on possibly creating seasonal sites on County Forest Property. Murray notes some restrictions such as seasonal, not a rolling reservation, and no improvements such as a deck or shed. Discussion continued. Medo requested Murray to pick 5-7 sites, draft some specifics on how the seasonal sites would be managed, and bring the information back to the Committee.

**13. Oak Wilt:** Assistant Forest Administrator Brauner distributed location maps for Oak Wilt positive locations in Langlade County. Brauner discussed the impacts on the forest, the outward signs of oak wilt, and sampling for Oak Wilt Fungus. Brauner also distributed a DNR fact sheet on Oak Wilt. Forest Administrator Murray discussed a clear-cut Oak stand in Langlade County that was affected by Oak Wilt. Discussion was held as to the start of Oak Wilt, a beetle on a spore pad. Oak Wilt stands will be included in the Fall Timber Sales.

**14. Charles de Langlade Memorial Bronze Sign and Bob Curran Memorial Bench:** Forest Administrator Murray discussed the placement of the donated bronze sign and memorial bench at Charles de Langlade. Murray stated the date of the event will be Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Charles de Langlade Campgrounds. The committee and public are invited to attend.

**15. Fall Festival:** Forest Administrator Murray distributed a Fall Fest flier, explaining the one-day event at the Fairgrounds, where there will be food trucks, local vendors, and activities for the children.

**16. County Administrator's Update and Report:** County Administrator Hilger stated operations and communications are good with the Forestry, Parks, and Rec Department. Hilger recently toured Perch Lake, thanking the staff for the cleanup of the main lodge. Hilger also thanked Brauner for reporting on the Oak Wilt issues in Langlade County.

**17. Any other discussion as approved by the Chair:** Chairman Maier called on Joe Jopek to report on Ice Age Alliance. Jopek discussed the designated camping in the Summit Lake Moraine, designated by the Alliance, a small site, with regulations. Murray discussed dispersed camping, which has no toilet, or water on site. Bina requests a report from the 2024 Fair Board.

**18. Next Meeting Date:** October 3, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in the Highway Conference Room.

**19. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by Medo, second by Buck to adjourn the August 28, 2024 meeting at 5:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:  
Judy Nagel, County Clerk/Recording Secretary.