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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Forestry and Recreation Committee
Date: December 3, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: Multi-Purpose Building – Clover Room

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

1. Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM
2. Please silence cell phones
3. Conduct Roll Call:

FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Status</i>
Steve Maier	Chairman	Present
John Medo	Vice-Chair	Present
Roger Buck	Member	Present
Dan Schremp	Member	Absent
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Member	Present
Jeff Wickersheim	Appointed to fill in for Schremp for today's meeting	Present

Non-Committee Members Present

<i>Name</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Interest</i>
Al Murray	Forestry, Parks and Rec. Admin.	Wes Phillips	WI DNR
Several Members of the Public signed in to speak.		Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/Rec. Secretary
Robin Stowe	Corporation Counsel		

4. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of November 10, 2025:** Motion by Buck, second by Medo, to approve the previous meeting minutes of November 10, 2025. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Correspondence for Committee:** Forest Administrator Murray noted two emails were received. One on the continuous shooting at the County Road S Pit and thanking the County for the hiking trails around Perch Lake Campground.
7. **Correspondence for the Committee:** An email from Mr. Peters. Letter from William Livingston.
8. **Partner Reports (DNR, Economic Development, Trail Partners):** Wes Phillips, WI DNR, reported that his department continues to work with the Forestry Department on Forest Management, preparing for Spring Timber Sales. Keri Beck, Economic Development, submitted a written report that was sent to the Committee.
9. **Forest Administrator's Report:** Written report to follow the agenda.
10. **2025 Fall Timber Sales:** The Forestry Department has two timber sales a year, and this sale date, December 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., was set back in June. Under Chapter 16 of the Langlade County Ordinances and County-approved policies, which establishes the timber sales practices, bid opening, and authorizations are required by the Committee and the Forest Administrator. Forest Administrator Murray noted that all but three of the sales were bid on, possibly due to access, long distance, or wet

ground. Motion by Medo, second by Balcerzak, to accept the highest bids from the December 3, 2025, Fall Timber Sales, and authorize the Forest Administrator to establish and sign the sale contracts for the accepted bids. All ayes, motion carried.

- 11. 2026 Fee Schedule:** Forest Administrator Murray stated that the Committee is to review and approve the fee schedules for Parks and Recreation and the Fairgrounds. Murray stated that the proposed 2026 fee schedule is the same as last year, with changes to reflect the removal of one pavilion at VMP, updated the OHM annual vehicle passes, and removed the non-electric sites from Perch Lake, as all sites have electricity. The proposed fee schedule for Fairgrounds will be the same as last year. Discussion on rates at the Fairgrounds, incentives to reduce cost, commercial rates, and non-profit and private rates. Motion by Buck, second by Balcerzak to accept the 2026 Fee Schedule for the Parks and Recreation and Fairgrounds. All ayes, motion carried.
- 12. Moose Lake Property- Moose Lake Boat Landing and Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4 Moose Lake CSM:** Corporation Counsel Stowe discussed the past Board actions at Moose Lake: possibly selling the lots, which the Board chose not to do; the pit toilet was closed to the public in 2022; and the property was removed from the park category in 2022 to reduce the need for additional investment. The Forestry Department maintains a boat landing on Moose Lake. Stowe noted that the Town of Norwood is interested in taking over the Lots and maintaining them as a Park, noting that the Town will need to maintain the boat landing as a public dedication. Town of Norwood Chairman Wilhelm let the Forest Administrator know that the Town of Norwood is interested in a lease option. Discussion held. Motion by Medo, second by Balcerzak to continue negotiations with the Town of Norwood on a lease option for the Moose Lake Boat Landing and Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4, forwarding this to the Administrative Finance Committee and to the December County Board, with confirmation from the Town of Norwood. All ayes, motion carried.
- 13. Precast Toilet Buildings Bid (2026 Projects):** Forest Administrator Murray explained that the projects are at West Evergreen Trailhead (ATV/Ice Age Trail) and the Shooting Range, both to be 2026 Projects. Discussion held. Motion by Buck, second by Medo, to approve and award to the lowest bidder for the Precast Toilet Buildings. All ayes, motion carried. The Committee will open the bids after the meeting.
- 14. Wolf River State Trail – County Resolution #39-2022:** Discussion on the Wolf River State Trail, the County Resolution, and the possible DNR meeting in January 2026. 46 signed up to speak on changes to the Wolf River State Trail. The Committee Chairman acknowledged several members of the public to address the Committee. Forest Administrator Murray will move forward with setting up a public meeting with the DNR in early January 2026 to address the issues of the Wolf River State Trail.
- 15. Silent Sports Advisory Council:** Discussion of the recent Silent Sports Advisory Council meeting, where approximately 15 sports were represented. Andrea Medo, an attendee of the Silent Sports Advisory Council, summarized the meeting, noting discussions on better mapping, establishing trails with improved marketing and signage. No action taken.
- 16. Office Manager Job Posting:** Forest Administrator Murray noted that there is a vacancy in the Forestry Department Office, currently posted, and some job duties of the Office Manager for the Forestry Department may change. No action.
- 17. 2026 Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Department Work Plan:** Forest Administrator Murray noted that the Work Plan needs to be approved by the County Board in January, and the Work Plan is part of the Forest Administrator Grant. No action.
- 18. 2025 Sustainable Forestry Initiative Audit Report:** Forest Administrator Murray noted that the 2025 Sustainable Forestry Initiative Audit took place earlier in the year, and the official report is now included in the Forestry Packet and available on the website. Murray noted that the audit report contained no negative findings.

- 19. Next Meeting Date:** DNR Meeting January 6 or 7, 2026. Monthly Meeting January 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Highway Conference Room.
- 20. Adjourn the Meeting:** Motion by Buck, second by Wickersheim, to adjourn the December 3, 2025, Forestry, Parks, and Recreation Meeting at 1:08 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Recording Secretary: Deputy County Clerk Rank

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:
Judy Nagel, County Clerk