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## POLK COUNTY PROPERTY, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

October 5, 2009

2:30 p.m. - County Board Room

- **Call to Order**
- **Accept Agenda**
- **Approval of Minutes – August 13, 2009**
- **Public Comment**
  
- **FORESTRY**
  - 2010 Forest Variable Acreage Share Loan Resolution
  - 2010 Work Plan and Resolution
  - Forester Contract for Services
  - Activity Report
  
- **REGISTER OF DEEDS**
  
- **TREASURER**
  - Update on Tax Deed Properties
  - Tax Deed Payment Plan Requests
  - Tax Deed Land Sale Requests
    - Town of Lorain
    - Town of Beaver
  - Write Off Property Taxes Village of Osceola
    - Property 165-00478-0000 Owned by County
  - Kennedy Houseboats Settlement Proposal for Back Taxes
  
- **BUILDINGS**
  - Kronos
  - Camera Project
  - Balsam Lake Sewer Contract
  - Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Offer to Donate To Polk County Lands Adjacent to CTH I
  - Community Garden - Wellness Committee
  
- **MUSEUM**
  - 2010 Budget
  
- **HIGHWAY**
  - Insulation for Back Room
  
- **PARKS**
  - Amery to Dresser Trail Land Use Agreement
  - Amery to Dresser Trail/Friends Agreement
  - Easements - Garfield, Bible Camp
  
- **FAIR**
  - 2010 Budget
  - County Fair Update
  
- **RECYCLING**
  - Solar Panels
  
- **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
  
- **OTHER**
  - 2010 Budget
  - Goals Update
  - Future Agenda Items
  - Set Next Meeting Date
  - Committee Member Comments
  - Vouchers
  
- **ADJOURNMENT**

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### Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee

Michael Larsen, Chair

Russell Arcand

Bryan Beseler

Larry Jepsen

Joan Peterson

Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee – October 5, 2009

The Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee met in the County Board Room of the Polk County Government Center.

Members Present: Mick Larsen, Russell Arcand, Larry Jepsen, Joan Peterson, Bryan Beseler

Chair Larsen called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Larsen announced that the Amery to Dresser to Trail Land Use Agreement and Amery to Dresser to Trail/Friends Agreement has been taken off the agenda.

**Motion (Beseler/Jepsen) to approve the agenda with the change. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2009 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.**

There was no public comment.

Polk County Forester Paul Pedersen and DNR Forester Bob Hartshorn addressed the committee. Pedersen distributed the 2010 Forest Variable Acreage Share Loan Resolution and the Polk County Forest 2010 Annual Work Plan and Resolution.

**Motion (Arcand/Jepsen) to approve the 2010 Forest Variable Acreage Share Loan Resolution and send it on to the full county board. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to approve the Polk County Forest 2010 Annual Work Plan Resolution and send it on to the full county board. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Forester Contract for Services – Pedersen distributed letter of non renewal of his contract for 2010. Bob Hartshorn, DNR Forester out of Grantsburg, was on hand to answer questions from the committee.

**Motion (J.Peterson/Beseler) to accept with regret the resignation of Paul Pedersen as Polk County Forester. Motion carried by voice vote.** Pedersen will work through Dec. 31, 2009.

Forester Activity Report – Timber sale on county tax deed property is about one third completed. There is not a lot of cutting activity at this time. Eight sales need to be completed within the next 12 months with another eight sales to be sold in December.

Treasurer Amanda Nissen distributed materials regarding tax deed properties. Corporation Counsel Jeff Fuge addressed the committee regarding a settlement reached between Polk County and Kennedy Houseboats, Inc. in Case No. 06 CV 145.

**Motion (Jepsen/Beseler) to approve the settlement on the Kennedy Houseboats, Inc., tax foreclosure case, Polk County Case No 06 CV 145: Kennedy Houseboats will pay taxes in the amount of \$5,951.00; the County will waive accrued interest and penalties; and County will seek a charge-back the amount of \$2,485.59 against the City of St. Croix Falls which has agreed to the charge-back through the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Motion (Beseler/J.Peterson) to void tax certificate account and write off property taxes due in the amount of \$10,560.73 on county owned property in the village of Osceola, property number 165-00478-0000. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Motion (Jepsen/ Arcand) to put out for bid Parcel ID #034-00670-0000 in the town of Lorain and Parcel ID #008-00186-0000 with the appraised value being the minimum bid accepted. Jepsen withdrew the motion.**

**Motion (J.Peterson/Jepsen) to let out for bid Parcel ID#034-00670-0000 in the town of Lorain and to set the minimum bid to be accepted at \$14,900. Motion carried 4 to 1. Beseler voting no.**

**Motion (Arcand/J.Peterson) to let out for bid Parcel ID #008-00186-0000 in the town of Beaver set the minimum bid to be accepted at \$30,000. Motion carried 4 to 1. Beseler voting no.**

**Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to accept payment plans as requested by Jeffrey C Norling, Town of Apple River; David E & Dawn M Magsam, Town of Alden; and, Henrietta M Swager, Town of Balsam Lake; as worked out with the county treasurer. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Update on tax deed properties – about 400 properties with 2006 (or older) taxes are starting the tax deed process and are being sent to the title company for title searches at this time.

5 minute break 4:45, back at 4:50

Parks, Buildings and Solid Waste Director Debbie Peterson and Highway Commissioner Steve Warndahl addressed the committee concerning proposed projects to insulate and heat the back room of the highway building. Using current funds allocated to building improvements, they will spray foam insulation, install new windows, install a double insulated garage door and waste oil furnaces. The Committee agrees to go ahead to make these improvements.

D. Peterson reported that the Kronos time keeping system is on tract to go live at Golden Age Manor the end of October. The camera project covering the government center primary parking lots has been completed. She presented a contract for Balsam Lake Sewer, stating that it is the same as last year and needs to be renewed.

**Motion (Jepsen/Beseler) to approve the Balsam Lake Sewer contract. Motion carried by voice vote.**

The committee discussed the offer from Northwestern Wisconsin Electric to donate land adjacent to CTH I to the county. The committee declined the offer.

Museum Director Rosalie Kittleson addressed the committee concerning the sale of the museum building and potential disposition of the artifacts in the museum. She referred to resolution 1975-34 concerning pledged financial support.

**Motion (Arcand/J.Peterson) to approve easements with both the Town of Garfield and Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp for the use of the Balsam Branch Cross County Ski area. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Representatives from the Worksite Wellness Committee, Janel Hemmesch and Kari Flom addressed the committee asking for permission to develop a community garden near the Library/Head Start building. It is to be a cooperative effort between the Worksite Wellness Committee, Salvation Army's Serenity Home and Property Committee minutes

CESA #11 Head Start funded by donations.

**Motion (Jepsen/Arcand) to direct D.Peterson to work with the Wellness committee in developing the garden. Motion carried 4-1. J.Peterson voting no.**

County Fair Update – Geri Christensen updated the committee regarding the fair budget, the new leadership on the Fair Board, and the approval of a social garden for the fairgrounds.

D. Peterson reported that with the help of the Renewable Energy Committee, she will be applying for a grant for solar panels to be installed at the Recycling Center. She would also like to put solar panels at the jail to heat water.

D.Peterson reported that reported that energy efficient lighting and security cameras are being installed at the lime quarry. Also a recycling program is being started there. She also discussed the 2010 budget; distributed and reviewed the 2009 goals.

Future agenda items: Amery to Dresser Trail Land Use Agreement, Amery to Dresser Friends Agreement

The next meeting date is set for Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.

**Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.**

**Motion (J.Peterson/Jepson) to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.**