

Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee
April 28, 2008

The Polk County Property, Forestry, Recreation Committee met in the County Board Room of the Polk County Government Center at 2:30 p.m. on April 28, 2004.

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

County Board Chair Beseler called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Election of Officers: Beseler opened the floor for nominations of officers. Jepsen nominated Michael Larsen for Chair. **Motion by Arcand, second by Jepsen to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Larsen. Motion carried.** Vice-Chair - Larsen nominated Jepsen. Peterson nominated Jepsen. Jepsen won by show of hands. Secretary – Arcand nominated Peterson. Peterson nominated Arcand. Arcand won by show of hands.

Establish Meeting Dates: **Motion by Beseler, second by Jepsen to meet the first and third Mondays of each month at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried.**

Accept Agenda: **Motion by Beseler, second by Jepsen to accept the amended agenda. Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Arcand, second by Jepsen to approve the minutes of the March 24 and April 1, 2008 meetings. Motion carried.**

Public Comments: The committee heard comments concerning the Amery to Dresser Trail.

Forestry:

Paul Pederson, County Forester introduced Paul Heimstead, DNR Forester.

In discussion of Timber Sale 399, Pedersen reported Wayne Johnson was awarded the bid which includes a \$2,000 performance bond to be assessed for backing out of the contract. Pederson recommended to the committee that the County break the contract. **Motion by Jepsen, second by Beseler to take back Timber Sale 399 with no penalty assessed to Mr. Johnson. Motion carried.**

Pederson presented the Forestry Annual Report. **Motion by Beseler, second by Jepsen to receive the annual report and to pass it on to the entire County Board for approval. Motion carried.**

Pederson reported that Governor Knowles State Forest is interested in purchasing 40 (forty) acres of land from the County. A non lapsing fund would need to be created to be used only for the purchase of County land. An appraised value would be available in June or July; consensus of the committee is for Pederson to move forward with this.

Pederson reported 180,000 trees have been planted by hand on 197 acres of land in Sterling Township at a cost of \$8,116.40. **Motion by Jepsen, second by Arcand to accept voucher for tree planting. Motion carried.**

Carbon Credits will be addressed in the future.

Treasurer:

Treasurer Amanda Nissen reported that the Apple River Township property was not properly appraised and was pulled off the market. A corrected appraisal was presented and discussed. **Motion by Jepsen, second by Beseler to set the starting bid at \$15,000. Motion carried.**

Minimum bid for the Town of Eureka property was set at \$8,000. A bid of \$8,051 for parcel ID #020-00562-0000 was received from Martin and Karen Johnson. **Motion by Peterson, second by Jepsen to**

reject the bid. Motion carried. Treasurer was instructed to re-publish the property for one week per WI Stat. 75.69. New bids will be opened at the May 19, 2008, meeting.

Highway:

Debbie Peterson, Director of Parks, Building and Solid Waste, reported that the north shed of the highway department is in need of repairs. Bids received for repair and/or replacement are as follows: repair the existing 60 x 100 building with abatement - \$155,000; build a new 60 x 100 industrial steel building with 8' poured side walls - \$219,927. **Motion by J. Peterson, second by Jepsen to draft a resolution addressing four projects at Polk County Highway Shop and forward to finance. Motion Carried.**

Buildings:

Mark DeLong from Johnson Control discussed with the committee pending projects. **Motion by Arcand, second by Beseler to finance these projects, not to exceed \$365,000. Motion Carried.**

Parks:

D. Peterson updated the committee on the Woodley Dam property.

Fairgrounds:

Geri Christianson, treasurer for the Fairground Committee presented a financial report. Neil Johnson is the County Representative appointed to the Fairground Committee. A 5-year plan is being worked on.

Tom Jennings is working as a consultant and is willing to meet for no charge. He is asking for three members of the County Board to attend. Dale Wood is setting up this project.

Recycling:

D. Peterson reported that approximately 300 students toured the recycling center during the Earth Day Celebration, April 18th. She also reported that the Spring Clean Sweep is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 19 and 20, 2008, and will include both a household and agriculture hazardous waste collection.

Museum:

D. Peterson reported that the elevator addition project is moving along well.

Bids for the painting project at the museum were reviewed. **Motion by Beseler, second by Jepsen to award the bid for the painting project to JFS Contracting in an amount not to exceed \$17,500, pending reference checks by Debbie Peterson. Motion carried.**

Director's Report:

Debbie Peterson reported that students from Clear Lake High School did some clean up work at Kennedy Park, getting the park ready to open for the season. She also reported that a recycling grant has been received in the amount of \$240,160.

Future agenda items: Amery to Dresser Trail

Motion by Arcand, second by Beseler to approve vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Beseler, second by Jepsen to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by
Russell Arcand, Secretary