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POLK COUNTY PROPERTY, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

March 8, 2010

2:30 PM - COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Call to Order

Accept Agenda

Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2010

Public Comment

FORESTRY

County Forest Administrator / Parks position update
Review/Award Tree Planting Bids
Activity Report

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Office Update
2009 Annual Report

BUILDINGS

Highway 8 Appraisal

MUSEUM

PARKS

ITBEC Voucher

HIGHWAY

Update Facility Needs

FAIRGROUNDS

Fair Society Treasurer's Report – Geri Christensen
Fair Update

RECYCLING

Update

TREASURER

Sale of Tax Deed Property-Town of Eureka
Request by City of St Croix Falls Regarding
Tax Deed Property
Tax Deed Properties

DIRECTORS REPORT

OTHER

2010 Goals
First Reading - Committee Rules & Responsibilities
Future Agenda Items
Committee Member Comments
Vouchers
Set next meeting date

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 – March 8, 2010

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 was absent.

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

Accept Agenda: **Motion (Arcand/J.Peterson) to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion (Jepsen/Arcand) to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.**

No Public Comment

• **FORESTRY**

Director Debbie Peterson reported that 65 applications were received for the County Forest Administrator/ Parks position. A target date of April 12th was set to have someone in the position.

Forester Paul Pedersen and DNR Forester Paul Heimstead addressed the committee. Pedersen reviewed the tree planting bid that was awarded to Superior Forestry for \$7,990.95. 152,000 trees will be planted on 167 acres. He also reported that of the two current logging activities, one is complete and the other is hauling. He also reported that the sale on the Jillian property was extended. Heimstead reviewed the results of the recently completed DNR audit.

• **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Register of Deeds Laurie Anderson updated the committee regarding training on new systems used in their office. She distributed and reviewed the 2009 Register of Deeds annual report.

Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to approve the Register of Deeds 2009 Annual Report and pass it on to the full county board. Motion carried by voice vote.

• **TREASURER**

Treasurer Amanda Nissen, distributed information regarding a request received to purchase tax deed property (parcel #020-00417-0000) in the Town of Eureka.

Motion (Arcand/Peterson) to move ahead with the process to sell this tax deed property in the Town of Eureka. Motion carried by voice vote.

Nissen distributed a request from Ed Emerson, City Administrator for St Croix Falls. The City is interested in receiving by quit claim deed 14 tax deed parcels. They are part of the current tax deed process and Nissen will provide more information at a later meeting if the parcels are not redeemed. Nissen also reported that there are over 400 pieces of property going into tax foreclosure, approximately double the average.

• **BUILDINGS**

Peterson reviewed the appraisals and DOT offer received to purchase for that portion of property which is needed for the improvement of the USH 8/208th Street intersection with a roundabout. D. Peterson recommends accepting the DOT proposal. The offer deadline is March 15, 2010.

Motion (Jepsen/Arcand) to approve the offer of \$66,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and send it on to the Finance Committee and full County Board. Motion carried by voice vote 3-1. J. Peterson voting no.

• **HIGHWAY**

Peterson reported that improvements are being made to the highway buildings. She is working with the Highway Commissioner to develop a plan to do necessary repairs and improvements to the existing buildings.

• **RECYCLING**

Recycling Plant Manager Mike Voltz addressed the committee. He reported that the volume of recycling materials being collect has increased to a point where the current staff cannot keep up. He is working with Endeavors (fka Polk County Adult Development Center) to have a crew to work on Fridays. Voltz reported that the shredding volume has also increased.

D. Peterson reported that the Recycling Center was designed to process 25 tons per day and we are currently processing seven tons per day. Larson observed that another shift may be needed.

• **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

D. Peterson reported that plans are being made for an Earth Day open house at the recycling center to be held on Friday, April 23rd. The same format as previous years will be used. She also reported that she will be working with Polk County Planner Tim Anderson on the 25 by 25 grant. Peterson reported that a Renewable Energy fair slated for August 21 and 22 at the Polk County Fairgrounds is being planned. D.Peterson distributed Parks, Buildings and Solid Waste 2010 goals.

Motion (Arcand/Jepsen) to accept Parks, Buildings, and Solid Waste 2010 goals. Motion carried by voice vote.

The committee asked that D.Peterson review the committee rules and responsibility with Andrea Jerrick and bring them back to the next meeting.

Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

• **FAIR**

Geri Christensen reported that the Fair Board has voted to change the name from Fairgrounds to Fair Park. She reported that they are researching USDA grants to be used for land purchases and FEMA (homeland security) grants to be used for a loud speaker system. She also reported that the Fair Society is co-sponsoring (with the renewable energy committee) a renewable energy fair.

Future agenda items: Status of roundabout, treasurer update, county forest administrator, highway 8 wood sale, highway facility update

The next meeting date is set for Monday, April 5th 2:30 p.m.

Motion (J.Peterson/Arcand) to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.