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POLK COUNTY PROPERTY, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

AMENDED AGENDA

April 5, 2010

2:30 PM - COUNTY BOARD ROOM

Call to Order

Accept Agenda

Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2010

Public Comment

FORESTRY

County Forest Administrator / Parks Position Update

Vehicle Purchase

Highway 8 Wood Sale

REGISTER OF DEEDS

BUILDINGS

Furniture Disposal Discussion

Highway 8 Appraisal Resolution

Justice Center Garage Lighting

MUSEUM

PARKS

Renaming Amery to Dresser Trail

Woodley Dam Project

HIGHWAY

Highway Facility Update

FAIRGROUNDS

Fair Update

RECYCLING

Status of Roundabout

Contract – Chisago Co. Council for Exceptional
Individuals Inc.

TREASURER

Sale of Tax Deed Property-Town of Eureka

Tax Deed Properties

*RiverBank Proposal for Delinquent Special

Assessments-City of St Croix Falls

DIRECTORS REPORT

OTHER

First Reading - Committee Rules & Responsibilities

Future Agenda Items

Committee Member Comments

Vouchers

Set next meeting date

ADJOURNMENT

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*Agenda Amended 3/31/2010

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 – April 5, 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.

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

Accept Agenda: **Motion (Jepsen/Beseler) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Approval of Minutes: **Motion (Jepsen/J.Peterson) to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.**

No public comment

Treasurer Amanda Nissen distributed appraisal documents for tax deed property in the Town of Eureka (parcel #020-00417-0000).

Motion (Jepsen/Beseler) to instruct Nissen to advertise for sale by sealed bid the .79 acre parcel, number 020-00417-0000 in the Town of Eureka, with the minimum bid being set at \$4,500.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

RiverBank Proposal for Delinquent Special Assessment. Brian Zeller, John Gauper, and Doug Wynveen representing RiverBank addressed the committee to discuss parcels 281-01398-000, 281-01395-0000, 281-01396-0000 and 281-01399-0000 that are going up for sheriff's auction April 8, 2010. Jeff Fuge joined the discussion.

Motion (Beseler/Jepsen) that Polk County will voluntarily waive the interest on unpaid taxes and special assessments due on any or all of the above mentioned parcels contingent on full payment of the unpaid taxes and assessments by April 30, 2010. Motion carried by voice vote.

Director Debbie Peterson reported that a full time forester has been hired and will start Monday, April 19th. Paul Pedersen will work with him the first week.

Pederson updated the committee of two timber sales continuing in the town of Sterling. He reported that two more cabins are gone and only three cabins remain. He also reported Polk County should be receiving a check for about \$4,200 from the sale of the wood harvested from the Dairyland Power Cooperative project along U.S. Highway 8.

Motion (Arcand/J.Peterson) to direct D.Peterson to negotiate with the highway department to purchase a used vehicle for the forester's use after receiving approval for the expenditure from the finance committee. Motion carried by voice vote.

Furniture Disposal Discussion – By consensus of the committee D. Peterson is directed to proceed with the sale and/or disposal of the furniture by whatever means needed, selling it internally where need and budgets allow.

D. Peterson reported that the Amery to Dresser Trail Friends Group and others would like to petition the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to rename the trail to be the Stower Seven Lakes Trail.

Motion (Beseler/Larsen) to support the renaming of the Amery to Dresser Trail to “Stower Seven Lakes Trail”. Motion carried by voice vote.

Beseler left the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Motion (Arcand/J.Peterson) to forward to the full county board the resolution to accept offer from Wisconsin Department of Transportation to Purchase Polk County Lands Needed for U.S. Highway 8 Improvements. Motion carried by voice vote. Mortgage on the property needs to be resolved before sale can be made.

Justice Center Garage Lighting – D. Peterson discussed making lighting improvements at the justice center in lieu of government center planned project in 2010. The project at the justice center will improve the quality of the garage lighting while saving energy. They will also retro fit motion detectors. Committee consensus is to go ahead with the justice center project.

Highway Facility Needs – more discussion in May.

Geri Christensen, Polk County Fair Society Secretary distributed March 25, 2010 treasurer’s report and 2008/2009 Audit report. Renewable Energy Fair being held in August 21st and 22nd and is being co-sponsored by the Fair Society. Earnest money has been paid for purchase of adjacent property.

D. Peterson reported that three people from Chisago County for Exceptional Individuals Inc. and one recycling center employee are working from 3-7 p.m. to continue to run the sort line. Andrea Jerrick and Jeff Fuge reviewed the contract and see no problem with it.

Motion (Jepsen/Larsen) to approve the contract with Chisago County for Exceptional Individuals Inc. Motion carried by voice vote.

Director’s Report – 40th anniversary celebration of Earth Day being held April 23rd at the Recycling Center – Peterson extended an invitation for committee members to attend, working with Highway Commissioner regarding facility needs, working with Employee Relations Director on committee rules & responsibilities.

Future agenda: round-a-bout, sale of furniture status report, highway facility update, new forester

Committee Comments – Larsen expressed appreciation for committee members work over the past two years. Arcand commented on foreclosure/tax deed issues within the county.

The next meeting set for Monday, May 3rd at 2:30 p.m.

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

Motion (J. Peterson/Jepson) to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.