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## POLK COUNTY PROPERTY, FORESTRY AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

May 3, 2010

2:30 PM - COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### • Call to Order

### • Election of Officers

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Secretary

### • Establish Meeting Schedule

### • Accept Agenda

### • Approval of Minutes-April 5, 2010

### • Public Comment

### • FORESTRY

Introduce New Forester/Park Administrator

Annual Report

Activity Report

### • REGISTER OF DEEDS

Flat Fee Increase/Social Security number redaction

Office Update

### • TREASURER

Tax Deed Properties

Update on Sale: Town of Eureka Property

Update on 2006 Tax Foreclosure Process

Discuss Ficek Property in City of St Croix Falls

Including resolution for money judgment per WI  
SS 74.53

### • HIGHWAY

Highway Facility Update

### • RECYCLING

Earth Day Report

\*\*Razing of Pole shed building site

### • PARKS

NoRTAC

UTV Resolution/Information

### • BUILDINGS

Consideration of Land Purchase:

"Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(e), the Committee may convene in closed session to develop bargaining and negotiating strategies that the Committee may recommend with regards to the purchase of public lands made through a competitive basis and open discussion would compromise the county's bargaining position with regards to the prospective purchase of such public lands.

Following conclusion of said closed session, the Committee will reconvene in open session, or subsequent closed session, to consider or act upon those subject matters as may be noticed herein.

### • MUSEUM

Update

### • FAIRGROUNDS

Update

### • DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### • OTHER

2009 Annual Report

Future Agenda Items

Committee Member Comments

Vouchers

### • ADJOURNMENT

This meeting is open to the public according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.83. Persons with disabilities wishing to attend and/or participate are asked to notify the County Clerk's office (715-485-9226) at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time so all reasonable accommodations can be made. Requests are confidential.

Agenda items not necessarily presented in order.

## Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee

Larry Jepsen

Neil L Johnson

William Johnson IV

Ken Sample

Diane Stoneking

Polk County Property, Forestry and Recreation Committee – May 3, 2010

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

Members present: Larry Jepsen, Neil L Johnson, William Johnson IV, Ken Sample, Diane Stoneking

Meeting called to order at 2:30 p.m. by County Board Chairman William Johnson IV.

Election of Officers: Chairman Johnson opened nominations for Chair. Supervisor Stoneking nominated Supervisor Ken Sample, Supervisor Wm. Johnson nominated Supervisor Larry Jepsen.

**Motion (N.Johnson/Sample) to close nominations for Chairman. Vote: Sample – 2, Jepsen – 3.** Jepsen elected as Chairman of the committee.

Chairman Jepsen opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Supervisor Sample nominated Supervisor Diane Stoneking, Supervisor Stoneking nominated Supervisor Ken Sample. **Motion (N.Johnson/Wm Johnson) to close nominations for Vice-Chair.** A unanimous vote was cast for Supervisor Stoneking for Vice-Chair.

Chairman Jepsen requested nominations for Secretary. Supervisor N.Johnson nominated Supervisor Ken Sample, Supervisor Sample nominated Supervisor Neil Johnson. **Motion (Wm Johnson/Sample) to close nominations for Secretary.** A unanimous vote was cast for Supervisor Neil Johnson for Secretary.

The committee unanimously decided to set the regular meeting schedule as the first Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. with the next meeting being set for Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion (Sample/Johnson) to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Motion (Stoneking/Wm Johnson) to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2010 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.**

No public comments.

Director Debbie Peterson introduced the committee to Polk County's new forester, Jeremy Koslowski. Koslowski reviewed the 2009 annual report as prepared by 2009 Forest Administrator Paul Pedersen.

**Motion (Wm. Johnson/N.Johnson) to approve the 2009 Forestry annual report and pass it on to the full county board. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Koslowski distributed and reviewed his activity report.

DNR Forester Paul Heimstead distributed the agenda for the 2010 WCFA Summer Tour and reviewed tour which is scheduled for Burnett and Polk Counties June 16-18. Heimstead also gave a short orientation of the forestry program to the new committee members.

Register of Deeds Laurie Anderson discussed flat fee increase/social security redaction legislative change and updated the committee on office activities.

Treasurer Amanda Nissen addressed the committee concerning a tax foreclosure request. Mr. David Jertson d.b.a. The Wild Card Steakhouse & Saloon Inc. addressed the committee.

**Motion (Wm Johnson/Stoneking) to offer a 6-month extension on the foreclosure process to David Jertson d.b.a. The Wild Card Steakhouse & Saloon Inc. on Town of Beaver parcel #008-00884-0100. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Nissen distributed information on the managed forest program property in the Town of McKinley taken through tax deed. The county conducted a timber sale on the property. Nissen will bring back the issue of selling this property to the committee at the June meeting.

Nissen will advertise for sale by sealed bid the .79 acre parcel #020-00417-0000 in the Town of Eureka with the bids due by 1:30 p.m. June 7, 2010.

Nissen updated the committee on the 2006 tax foreclosures and the tax foreclosure process.

Nissen distributed information regarding Ficek Investment Company, Inc. property in the City of St Croix Falls which has unpaid taxes and special assessments due from 2007 and 2008. Corporation Counsel Jeff Fuge discussed and recommended the option to collect money being held by the City of St Croix Falls for unpaid taxes and special assessments.

**Motion (N.Johnson/Sample) to move forward with a resolution to recover money being held by the City of St Croix Falls for unpaid taxes and special assessments on parcel #281-01397-0000. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Koslowski discussed his attendance, along with D. Peterson and Supervisor Jepsen's attendance at the NoRTAC meeting in Hayward. He also discussed the UTV pilot program the DNR conducted and the expanded second pilot program requiring each county to pass a resolution permitting UTV use on trails within their county.

**Motion (Sample/Wm Johnson) to draft a resolution and a presentation to send to the full county board for approval to participate in the 2010-2012 Wisconsin Utility Terrain Vehicle Pilot Program. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Highway Commissioner Steve Warndahl addressed the committee. He updated the new committee on improvements that have been made to the highway shop in 2009.

**Motion (Stoneking/Sample) to go into closed session pursuant to WI § 19.85(1)(e) to develop bargaining and negotiating strategies that the Committee may recommend with regards to the purchase of public lands made through a competitive basis and open discussion would compromise the county's bargaining position with regards to the prospective purchase of such public lands. Wm Johnson – yes, N. Johnson – yes, Stoneking – yes, Sample – yes, Jepsen – yes. Motion carried.** The committee went into closed session at 4:00 p.m. Present during the closed session were the five committee members plus Steve Warndahl, Debbie Peterson and Jeff Fuge.

**Motion (Wm Johnson/Stoneking) to return to open session. Wm Johnson – yes, N. Johnson – yes, Stoneking – yes, Sample – yes, Jepsen – yes. Motion carried.** The committee returned to open session at 4:20 p.m.

Peterson reported on the Earth Day celebration at the recycling center. She contacted the DOT concerning the buildings across the street from the recycling center that need to be removed. She asked the committee for permission to investigate associated costs for moving the two buildings.

**Motion (Sample/Stoneking) to authorized Peterson to look into the options to move the two buildings being offered by the DOT. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Fair Secretary Gerrienne Christiansen addressed the committee. She distributed the 2010 Fair budget and a timeline for the long-range plan for Polk County Fair Park.

Director's report: Kronos, Amery to Dresser Trail preconstruction meeting set for May 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. at Garfield Town Hall. Seasonal workers working on boat landings and parks.

Stoneking requested Fuge to give status on Human Services furniture.

**Motion (N.Johnson/Stoneking) to approve the 2009 Parks, Buildings and Solid Waste Annual Report and to send it forward to the full county board. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Future agenda items: tour of facilities, tour parks

**Motion (N.Johnson/Sample) to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Comments: Change meeting time starting the next meeting, steak house has been to the committee before with different owners. Neil will be appointed to fair board

Stoneking left the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

The committee would support quarterly treasurer's reports from the fair society and N.Johnson will be the liaison regarding Polk County Fair issues.

**Motion (Sample/N.Johnson) to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.**