

MINUTES

Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee
Ashland County Forestry Dept Office
304 West Michigan St, Butternut, WI 54514
January 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Vice -Chairperson Carl Kubley at 8:00 AM.

Members present: Carl Kubley Gary Mertig, Frank Kempf and Helen Croteau,
Member absent: (excused) Jerry Teague

Others present: County Board Chairperson-Pete Russo, ACSA-Bill Chandler,
DNR Liaison-Tom Piikkila, Forest Adm-Chris Hoffman, Assist Forest Adm-Matt
Schultz, Forester-Jerome Wotachek and Secretary-Marion Pohl.

The minutes of the December 11, 2013 Forestry and Recreation Committee
meeting were approved with a motion by Frank Kempf, second by Gary Mertig.
Motion carried.

Snowmobile trail business - Bill C said the trails are in excellent shape.

Chris presented the 2014-2015 Snowmobile Trail Maintenance and Grooming
resolution for approval. This resolution is necessary to get the trail maintenance
funding from the State each year. A motion by Frank Kempf, second by Helen
Croteau to approve the resolution and to present the resolution to the full
County Board at their next meeting. Motion carried.

Recreation Officer's report. Chris said Jim Clapero was unable to come to the
meeting today, and said Jim has been busy doing snowmobile patrol.

Tourism - Frank K reported that the 2014 Ashland County Visitor's Guide is
being made and will be ready in a few months.

DNR Liaison's report - Tom P reported he has done some cruising on the county
forest.

Forest Adm's report - Chris received quotes from three auto dealers for the
purchase of two trucks (1/2 ton and 3/4 ton). Chris said he also received a quote
that arrived after the deadline and did not open the quote.

Chris and staff opened the quotes and reviewed them. Chris gave the

Committee a summary of the quote prices from the dealerships. After review of the summary and discussion, a motion by Gary Mertig, second by Frank Kempf was made to purchase the ½ ton truck for \$12,699.00 and the ¾ ton truck for \$18,380.00 from Wheel Way Chrysler. Motion carried. The ½ truck is the Recreation Officer's truck. A 2008 GMC Sierra and a 2009 Chev Silverado trucks are traded in as part of the deal.

Chris reported there are 3 active timber sales now. The gross timber sale revenue for 2013 is \$945,846.

The vouchers were approved and signed with a motion by Helen Croteau, second by Frank Kempf. Motion carried.

The next Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2014, 8:00 AM, Forestry Dept office, Butternut, WI.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Gary Mertig, second by Frank Kempf. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Submitted by

Marion Pohl