

MINUTES
Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee
Ashland County Forestry Dept. Office
304 West Michigan St, Butternut, WI 54514
December 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Teague at 9:00 AM.

Members present: Jerry Teague, Carl Kubley, and Kathy Schutte.

Absent members: Frank Kempf and Gary Mertig - excused.

Others present: County Board Chair-Pete Russo, DNR Liaison-Tom Piikkila, DNR Forestry-Heather Berklund, DNR Wildlife Biologist-Sam Jonas, Forest Adm.-Chris Hoffman, Assist Forest Adm.-Matt Schultz, Secretary-Marion Pohl, Town of Jacobs Supervisor-Dennis Walczyk and Rick Korpela.

The minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Carl Kubley, second by Kathy Schutte. Motion carried.

Snowmobile trail business - Chris reported that he and Bill have been working on a bridge project and trail reroute projects. Weather permitting, Bill would open the trails on December 14th, he told Chris. Also, Chris said Bill would like to get the Committee's approval to have the groomer in Ashland's Christmas parade. A motion was made by Kathy Schutte, second by Carl Kubley to approve having the groomer in the Ashland Christmas parade. Motion carried.

Wildlife Biologist's report - Sam Jonas came to the meeting to report on the deer hunting season. Sam said the deer kill numbers were up slightly from last year. Statewide 205,000 deer killed, last year 199,000. License purchases was also up slightly. In Ashland County, deer kill for 8 days was 566 deer (he did not have the 9 day totals yet), last year's total for 9 days was 613. Iron County's deer kill was up slightly, 8 days 216 deer killed, last year's total for 9 days was 206 deer.

DNR Liaison's report - Tom P reported he finished a timber sale that will be part of the Spring sales put out for bids.

Forest Adm's report - Chris reported that we received bids from 2 bidders for the 3 sales advertised for bids. The bids were opened December 2, 2015 and he gave the Committee the bid results summary. Chris asked for approval to accept the high bid on each sale. All bids were checked for accuracy and requirements met. A motion was made by Kathy Schutte, second by Carl Kubley to award a timber sale contract to the high bidder of each sale. Motion carried.

The timber sale revenue as of December 3rd is \$726,542.

The vouchers were approved and signed with a motion by Kathy Schutte, second by Carl Kubley. Motion carried.

The next Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 9:00 AM, Forestry Dept Office, Butternut, WI.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kathy Schutte, second by Carl Kubley. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Submitted by
Marion Pohl