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Minutes - Sawyer County Forestry Committee
February 11, 2014

Committee Members Present: Dean Pearson, Bill Voight, Ronald Kinsley, Tweed Shuman, Jim Bassett
County Personnel Present: Greg Peterson
DNR Personnel Present: Andy Noth
Others Present: Jan Holmes, Jim Toftness, Bill Noonan, John Saunders, Mark Mrotek, Mike Luedeke, Mike Outcalt, Don Mrotek, Warren Johnson, Ruth Dums, Dan Dums

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM.

Approve agenda

Motion by Kinsley, second by Bassett to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion by Bassett, second by Kinsley to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition

None

Event Dates

Date requested: 1) Alanna Duathlon – June 7, 2014. Motion by Kinsley, second by Shuman to approve request contingent on receiving certificate of insurance. Motion carried.

Low Use Access Permit renewal – Section 21, Township 38 North, Range 4 West

Motion by Bassett, second by Shuman to approve renewal of low use access permit. Motion carried.

Town of Lenroot – recreational trail discuss

Dan Dums asked how the development of new trails would affect town in regards to loss of severance and how new trails are approved. Peterson stated that the process is 2-step – user group brings proposal to him to present to committee for approval and then to County Board for approval.

Recreational Trail Report

Mrotek: 1) trails are in great shape due to cold weather. 2) Alliance is doing “smart” grooming this season – 1-2 times per week. 3) Trail 63 – landowner gave permission to groom. 4) State snowmobile association is sponsoring a VIP tour February 19-20th out of Heartwood. All state legislators, Governor, etc. invited along with Secretary of DNR. Raising of registration fees will be discussed.

ATV/Snowmobile trail proposals

Personnel change has been made. Motion by Shuman, second by Bassett to recommend to County Board that jurisdiction over ATV/Snowmobile trails (motorized trails) be returned to the Forestry Department. Motion carried. Toftness stated that Alliance is 100% behind switch back. Voight - 3rd person is needed. Bassett - how far below on acres (Peterson – average approximately 500 below target). Peterson – need a minimum of a half-time forester, half-time recreational trails person. Committee consensus was to send notice to Personnel Committee with job description for next meeting.

Forestry Department Annual Accomplishment Report

Motion by Voight, second by Shuman to accept report and present to County Board with recommendation for approval. Motion carried.

Sawyer County Forestry report

Peterson: 1) Went through monthly report.

DNR Forestry Report

Noth: Nothing new to report.

Monthly expense vouchers

Motion by Shuman, second by Kinsley to approve vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

Other matters for discussion only:

Adjourn

Motion by Kinsley, second by Bassett to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Delores Dobilas, Recorder