

**MEETING OF THE RUSK COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 26, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting called to order by Chair Randy Tatur at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call. Present - 19. Present: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Corporation Counsel, Rich Summerfield

Invocation by Dave Willingham of Island Lake Church of Christ.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Schmitt, District #13 Supervisor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Stout, second by Gierke to approve minutes of July 29, 2014. Motion carried by aye vote.

PROCLAMATION – read by Chair Tatur

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection report cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among U.S. children between infancy and age 15. This tragic disease is detected in more than 15,000 of our country's young people each and every year.

WHEREAS, one in five of our nation's children loses his or her battle with cancer. Many infants, children and teens will suffer from long-term effects of comprehensive treatment, including secondary cancers; and

WHEREAS, founded over twenty years ago by Steven Firestein, a member of the philanthropic Max Factor family, the American Cancer Fund for Children, Inc. and Kids Cancer Connection, Inc. are dedicated to helping these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection provide a variety of vital patient psychosocial services to children undergoing cancer treatment at Marshfield Clinic at James Beck Cancer Center in Rhinelander, American Family Children's Hospital in Madison, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, as well as participating hospitals throughout the country, thereby enhancing the quality of life for these children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection also sponsor Courageous Kid Recognition Award ceremonies, community Get Well cards and hospital celebrations in honor of a child's determination and bravery to fight the battle against childhood cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in Rusk County.

Motion by Fillion, second by Hullback to adopt. Carried by aye vote.

PRESENTATION

Chair Tatur advised that John Dirkse of Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation had to cancel, will reschedule for September.

APPOINTMENTS

Interim Public Health Officer – Anita Zimmer

Motion by Gierke, second by Fisher to approve appointment. Ted East, Health and Human Services Director, commended Celina Cooper on job well done, informed board Anita Zimmer was approved by State of Wisconsin as Interim Public Health Officer pending County Board Appointment. Appointment approved by aye vote.

RESOLUTION #14-24 TO CHANGE RUSK COUNTY GOVERNING ORDINANCE SECTION 2-232 PROPERTY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, currently under the Rusk County Code of Ordinances the Property Committee oversees county property, real or personal, not assigned by resolution or statute to other committees; and

WHEREAS, currently various departments need to submit request for purchases of items costing more than \$250.00, and

WHEREAS, it has been the recommendation of the Department Heads to increase the purchase request to \$1000, and

WHEREAS, the Property Committee has reviewed the recommendation and after study wishes to increase the purchase amount for more than the present \$250.00 amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby amend Rusk County Code Sec. 2-232 as follows:

- (4) Shall have charge of all other property, real or personal, not assigned (by resolution or statute) to other committees, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Approving requests from the various departments for furniture, equipment, and vehicles and the budgeting therefor. The committee may, at its option, allow or require a department to use its budgeted or other funds to offset any portion of the cost of the request.
 1. The various departments need not submit requests to the Property Committee for the purchase of items costing less than ~~\$250.00~~ **\$1000.00**.
 - a. **All furniture/office supply requests must be reviewed with the Maintenance Dept prior to purchasing.**
 - b. **All electronic device requests must be reviewed with the IT Dept prior to purchasing.**
 2. No county office or committee exempted from these requirements by statute or otherwise need make such requests.

Submitted by Rusk County Property Committee. S/ Platteter, Hraban.

Motion by Hauser, second by Hraban to adopted. Motion carried by aye vote, resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #14-25 ORDINANCE TO REZONE A PARCEL FROM RESOURCE CONSERVATION TO FORESTRY IN THE TOWN OF FLAMBEAU

WHEREAS, James Krier has presented a petition to rezone the North 400' of the East 250' of the NE ¼ - NW ¼ – Section 31 – T35N – R6W, Town of Flambeau; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Rusk County Zoning Committee and the committee having acted, subsequent thereto, in considering the request; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommends the amendment in application of the Rusk County Zoning Ordinance to subject real estate upon petition submitted by the Town of Flambeau.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Rusk County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain that said parcel of real estate be rezoned from Resource Conservation to Forestry.

Submitted by Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee. S/Willingham, Knops, Fisher, Stout, Schmitt.

Motion by Knops, second by Willingham to adopt. Willingham explained purpose for rezoning. Motion carried by aye vote, resolution adopted.

FORESTRY PARKS AND FORESTS ORDINANCE #00-40D RUSK COUNTY PARKS FOREST ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT

Chapter 34, Article VII, Vehicle Regulation – Section 34-194 Applicability

(a) The land subject to this article and regulations associated with each tract are as follows (areas closed to any motorized vehicles):

(1) Rusk County Trails Association (Blue Hills Trail Area) That part lying East of Fire Lane Road known and signed as the East Side Rusk County Trails Association Trails. ~~This does not include what is known as the John Creek all-weather graveled road.~~

(2) That part of the NE¼ Section 1, T.35N.-R.9W., lying south of the Perch Lake Road and east of Audie Lake Picnic Area and Boat Landing. Also the W½ Section 6, T., 35N-R.8W., lying west of the Blue Hills Trail Road or as described and signed as the Hunter Walking Trail - West Side Rusk County Trails Association Trails. ~~This restriction shall be from December 1 through June 1.~~

(c) Restrictions and allowance in parks, campgrounds and boat landings. It shall be unlawful to operate or permit the operation of any all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile in the following areas:

(8) The John Creek Road and Rutt Road are closed to ATV's only.

Submitted by Rusk County. S/Schneider, Boss.

Motion by Schneider, second by Biller to adopt. Handouts were distributed prior to meeting. Ron Jaspersen, President of Blue Hills Trail Association, explained support of resolution. Paul Teska, Rusk County Forestry Administrator, provided clarification of proposed changes. Carolyn Chatterton, Mike Newman, Village of Bruce President, also commented in support of resolution. Motion carried by aye vote, amendment adopted.

RESOLUTION #14-26 APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Rusk County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors on December 20, 2005, adopted resolution #05-60 approving the County Forest Comprehensive land Use Plan for a period of 15 years;

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire properties for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to s. 28.10, Wis. Stats and as outlined in Chapter 400 of the Rusk County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan;

WHEREAS, acquisition of said properties would perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest;

WHEREAS, Rusk County is eligible to participate and make application to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant program for land acquisition consistent with said Plan;

WHEREAS, grant funding may provide funding up to 50% of the acquisition price;

WHEREAS, participation in the grant program requires a county to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Natural Resources (as required by s. NR 51.963 Wis. Adm. Code) to define the criteria for participating in the grant program

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rusk County Board of Supervisors approves the MOA with the Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any potential County Forest land acquisitions eligible for Knowles-Nelson Land Acquisition Stewardship grant funding will be brought before the Rusk County Board for approval prior to making application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry Committee is directed to forward this signed MOA to the Department of Natural Resources;

Submitted by Rusk County Forestry Department. S/Schneider, Boss.

Motion by Boss, second by Nawrocki to adopt resolution. Teska explanation of MOA reasoning. Ken Pederson questions regarding purpose, call for roll call vote. Roll call vote. Voting yes – 18. Voting no – 1. Voting yes: Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Tatur. Voting no: Pederson.

Closed session announced by Chair for the purpose of deliberating the purchase of public property.

For deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, WI Stats 19.85(1)(e).

Motion by Fisher, second by Knops to enter closed session. Roll call. Voting yes - 19. Voting no - 0. Voting yes: Boss, Biller, Nawrocki, Hauser, Knops, Stout, Lieffring, Fillion, Pedersen, Schneider, Gierke, Schmitt, Fisher, Hulback, Mai, Willingham, Hraban, Platteter, Tatur. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Knops, second by Stout to return to open session. Motion carried by aye vote.

Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tatur advised Rusk County Library was broken into, being taken care of by police.

Tatur informed board on hospital strategic planning meeting held last week, and will place future of hospital on agenda for next month.

Rich Summerfield, Corporation Counsel, advised there will be an open meetings webinar November 6, Denise Wetzel, County Clerk, will email information to board members.

Wetzel informed board members packets for WCA conference were distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lieffring, second by Hraban to adjourn. Motion carried by aye vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: September 30, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.