



MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 1:00pm

Meeting Location: Conference Room #5, 212 River Drive, Wausau WI 54403

MEMBERS: Rick Seefeldt (Chairman), Tom Rosenberg (Vice-Chairman), Jean Maszk

Marathon County Mission Statement: *Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly or in cooperation with other public and private partners provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.*

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department Mission Statement: *Adaptively manage our park and forest lands for natural resource sustainability while providing healthy recreational opportunities and unique experiences making Marathon County the preferred place to live, work, and play.*

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the telephone conference beginning ten (10) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: Phone Number: 1-408-418-9388 Access Code: 2491 921 0311. When you enter the telephone conference, PLEASE PUT YOUR PHONE ON MUTE!

Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment (15 minute limit)** *(Any person who wishes to address the County Board, or one of its committees, during the "Public Comment" portion of meetings, must provide his or her name, address, and the topic he or she wishes to present to the Marathon County Clerk or chair of the committee, no later than five minutes before the start of the meeting.)*
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Committee Meeting**
4. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee - None
5. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts
 2. Timber Sale Closeout – Futurewood Contract #670-18
 3. Consider Timber Sale Extension Requests
 4. Establish Remaining 2024 Committee Meeting Dates/Times
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None
6. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee - None**
7. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report
 - B. Wisconsin County Forests Association Summer Tour – Lincoln County June 19-20, 2024
 - C. Spring Timber Bid Summary
 - D. Spring Recreational Trail Opening Dates
 - E. Nine Mile Tree Planting Update

F. Marathon County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC) Meeting Recommendations

8. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 1:00pm at 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403, Room 5 or via Webex

- A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence
- B. Future Agenda Items: None

9. Adjournment

**SIGNED /s/ Thomas Lovlien
PRESIDING OFFICER OR DESIGNEE**

ANY PERSON PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WHO NEEDS SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 261-1500 OR E-MAIL COUNTYCLERK@CO.MARATHON.WI.US ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

EMAILED TO: Daily Herald and other News Media Groups
EMAILED BY: Jodi Luebbe
EMAIL DATE/TIME: April 24, 2024 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:

By: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____ a.m/p.m.

Members present: Jean Maszk, Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair)
Staff present: Tom Lovlien - Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley – Director Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department-(via Webex), Joe Tucker-County Forester, Michael Puerner-Corporation Counsel, Michael VanOfferen - Sheriff’s Lieutenant
Others present: Jeff Sorenson – DNR Liaison, LeRoy Knase

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chair Seefeldt at 1:00pm, Rm. 5, 212 River Dr., Wausau. Official notice and the agenda for the meeting was posted publicly in accordance with State statutes.

2. Public Comment – none brought forward.

3. Approve Minutes – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2024 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

4. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Request for Motorized Access Permit by Persons with Disabilities – Mr. LeRoy Knase – Puerner discussed his legal opinion that had been included in the agenda packet. Lovlien explained that based upon his opinion related to safety, user conflicts and environmental concerns he had a proposal for Committee to consider. The first decision pertained to Knase’s request to install game cameras starting August 1. Current ordinance says that trail cameras can be put in the woods seven days prior to any bear or deer season and seven days after which this year is August 29, 2024 to January 12, 2025. Members were not in favor of changing the current trail camera ordinance so this request was denied. Lovlien explained that the original request was for ATV motorized access to Leathercamp, Kronenwetter and Ringle Forest Units for approximately seven and a half months beginning June 1 to be able to scout and hunt deer. Lovlien gave reasonings for his proposal which would be for a one-month ATV motorized access permit beginning August 1 on the hardened trails at either Kronenwetter or Leathercamp Forest Units, (not both at the same time), at one specific entry point. Ringle Forest Unit access would not be granted due to wetness and environmental concerns. With Lovlien’s approval the permit could be renewed monthly by phone. Lovlien discussed the other current regulations in the permit that would also apply and be required to follow. He also offered Knase the option of using the Burma Road Forest Unit which is a motorized area without needing a permit unless it’s during October, November or March when trails are closed to ATV’s. **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve staff’s proposal for the disabled motorized access permit for Knase. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Review and Consider Approving Spring 2024 Timber Sale Package – The spring timber sale package had been distributed to Committee for review. The County forest sales offers 285 acres of timber on five tracts with an estimated volume of 12065 tons and 343.0 thousand board feet. Tucker discussed all the sales. The sales will be advertised and the bid opening is April 29, 2024. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Seefeldt / Rosenberg to approve and advertise the spring 2024 timber sale package. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

2. Timber Sale Closeout – Twin Forest Products Contract #713-22 – A closeout summary was previously provided. Lovlien reported that the estimated number of tons was 3970 and 3,579.96 tons were cut. Total revenue for this sale was \$147,178.61. Lovlien’s recommendation is to close out Contract #713-22 and return their original Letter of Credit. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to close out Contract #713-22 and return their original Letter of Credit. **Motion carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None

6. Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None

7. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Billerud – Wisconsin Rapids Heads Towards Liquidation – The Verso Mill in Wisconsin Rapids had been bought out by Billerud and has sat idle for nearly four years. It's going to be purchased by Capital Recovery Group and the equipment and assets will be sold off. Hopefully the building can be repurposed and reused. This is unfortunate as the mill had been taking thirty percent of Marathon County's pulpwood.

B. Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report – Sorenson reported as of March 25 the DNR had completed 502.25 hours of 660-time standard hours for 2023/24. He assisted Tucker with marking two 2025 Oak thinning's in the Kronenwetter Forest Unit and will be marking sales in Kronenwetter and Burma Forest Units this spring.

8. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 1:00 pm, Room. 5 & Webex, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Lovlien said that Superior Tree Service will be planting 60,000 trees at Nine Mile and he will have a report next month.

B. Future Agenda Items: Review Timber Bids and Award Contracts, Timber Bid Summary, Timber Sale Closeout, Timber Sale Extension Requests, Establish Remaining 2024 Committee Meeting Dates/Times, Department of Natural Resources Liaison Report, WCFA Summer Tour – Lincoln County, Department Overview and Committee Orientation

9. Adjourn – Motion / second by Rosenberg / Maszk to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

CLOSE OUT TIMBER SALES

Sale 670-18

FUTUREWOOD CORP

	Estimated	Cut	
Aspen Pulp	2450 Tons	3814.30 Tons	Aspen Pulp
Mixed Hardwood Pulp	675 Tons	1362.36 Tons	Mixed Hardwood Pulp
	3125 Tons	5176.66 Total Tons Cut	
Mixed Hardwood Sawlog	30 MBF	30.35 MBF	Mixed Hardwood Sawlog
	30 MBF	30.35 Total MBF Cut	

Total Revenue for Sale: **\$96,523.44**

Balance: \$4,048.46

Bond Amount: \$14,503.13

Bond Type: Surety Bond

Recommendation: **Close sale and return the original
Surety Bond**

TIMBER SALE EXTENSION REQUESTS

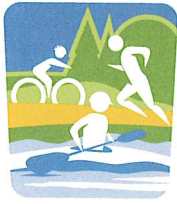
MAY 2024

1. Sales that are 3 years old on June 30, 2024
(1st Extension Request)

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>% Completed by Volume</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
#703-21	Schreiner Forestry	30%	Winter Only	0% increase
#704-21	Briarton Logging	0%	Winter Only	0% increase

2. Sales that are 4 years old on June 30, 2024
(2nd Extension Request)

#694-20	Briarton Logging	40%	Winter Only	0% increase
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MEMO

To: Forestry/Recreation Committee
From: Tom Lovlien, Forest Administrator
Date: April 30, 2024
Re: Tentative 2024 Meeting Dates

Meetings begin at 1:00pm

Tuesday, April 30	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, June 4	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, July 2	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, July 30	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, September 3	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, October 1	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, November 5	212 River Drive, Room 5
Tuesday, December 3	212 River Drive, Room 5

Marathon County Forestry Committee

April 30th, 2024 Meeting

- I apologize, we have our annual DNR seedling distribution day during the meeting, so I am not able to attend in person.
- As of 4/22/24 (Happy Earth Day) the DNR had completed ~580 hours of 660 time standard hours for '23/'24. ~ 88% of total through 83% of the time (10 of 12 months). Sorenson ~481 hours of 525 hours ~ 92%
- John Hunt and I marked timber sales on the Kronenwetter and Burma Forest Units and will continue the Burma sale in May.
- Nick Hovda, John Hunt and I helped with the Red Pine planting on Springbrook Rd. on the 15th and 16th.
- In May, Hunt and I will start some recon on the county forest.
- In June, I hope to do some habitat classification typing with Tucker.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Sorenson

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Wisconsin DNR – Marathon County Forest Liaison



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WCFA 2024 Summer Tour Registration

June 19 & 20, 2024

Lodging reservations must be made prior to May 10, 2024

Registration must be received by Wednesday May 29, 2024

Registration fees will still be invoiced for no-shows

Registration Fee: \$80.00 – Wednesday: coffee and donuts, tour, lunch, soda, water, snacks and banquet
 Thursday: coffee and donuts, tour, soda, water and snacks

Please provide organization name and address if marking OTHER.

Names of attendees:

	<input type="checkbox"/> County _____	<input type="checkbox"/> DNR	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Number Attending full tour	_____	x \$80.00 =	\$ _____	
Number Attending Banquet Only	_____	x \$25.00 =	\$ _____	
		TOTAL =	\$ _____	

Email registration to: Dean.Bowe@co.lincoln.wi.us Or mail to the address above.

Payment sent to WCFA Please invoice through WCFA

Preliminary Planned Activities:

- Tuesday evening – Golf outing at Merrill Golf Club
- Wednesday – Tour of Merrill Manufacturers, Lincoln County Parks and Forest
- Wednesday eve. – Social hour, banquet and door prizes at Les and Jim’s Lincoln Lanes, self-entertainment following (bowling etc.)
- Thursday – Tour of Louisiana Pacific and DNR LeMay Center in Tomahawk, WCFA Board of Directors after the tour

Busses will depart from and return to the AmericInn Wednesday and Thursday.
 One bus will shuttle from hotels to Les and Jim’s Lincoln Lanes each half hour starting at 5:00 PM until 11:00 PM Wednesday evening.

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Lodging: Reservations must be made prior to May 10, 2024.

Reservation Code: LCF24 for AmericInn and Travelodge.

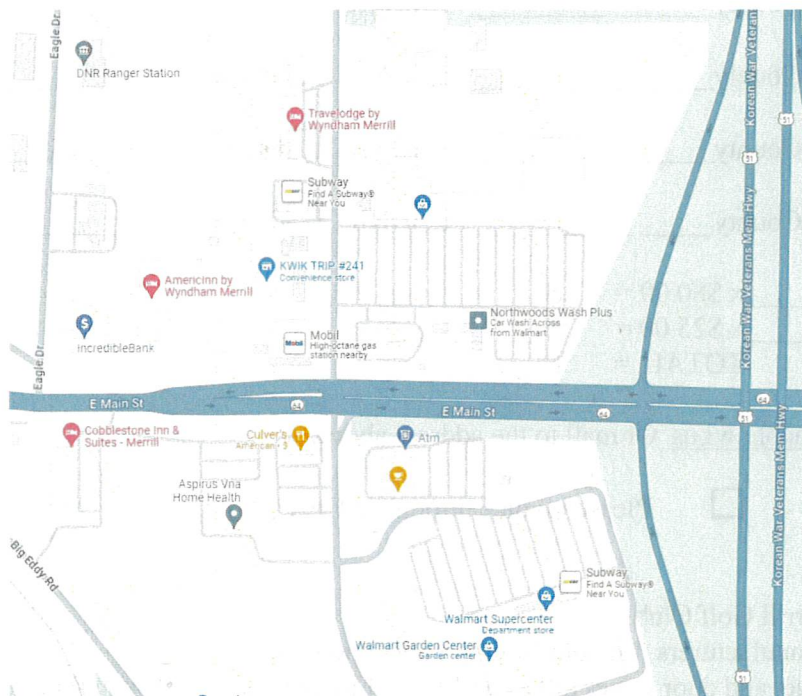
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3300 E Main St
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-7979
(888) 312-2398

Cobblestone Inn & Suites
3209 E Main St
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-6880
(888) 693-8262

Travelodge
200 South Pine Ridge Ave
Merrill, WI 54452
715-536-9526
(888) 838-8307

Please be sure to provide tax exempt information when making reservations.



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