



MARATHON COUNTY FORESTRY/RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 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: 2485 330 7934. Please Note: If you are prompted to provide an "Attendee Identification Number" enter the # sign. No other number is required to participate in the telephone conference. 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, October 4, 2022 Committee Meeting**
4. **Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**
 - A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee
 1. Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts
 2. County Forest Citizens Advisory Subcommittee Appointment
 - B. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee to Forward to the Environmental Resource Committee for its Consideration - None
5. **Policy Issues for Discussion and Committee Determination for Consideration by Environmental Resources Committee – None**
6. **Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**
 - A. Proclamation – Forest Products Week in Wisconsin October 16-22, 2022
7. **Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 1:00pm at 212 River Dr., Wausau, WI 54403, Room 5 or via Webex**
 - A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence

B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Timber Sale Extension Requests, 2023 Forestry/Recreation Committee Meeting Schedule, Review and Consider Approving the 2023 County Forest Work Plan, Application for County Forest Acreage Payment, Fall Timber Bid Summary

8. Adjournment

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

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/FAXED TO: Daily Herald and other News Media Groups
EMAILED/FAXED BY: Jodi Luebbe
EMAIL/FAX DATE/TIME: October 25, 2022 10:00 a.m.

NOTICE POSTED AT COURTHOUSE:
By: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____ a.m/p.m.

Members present: Rick Seefeldt (chair), Tom Rosenberg (vice-chair), Jean Maszk

Staff present: Tom Lovlien-Forest Administrator, Jamie Polley-Director

Others present: Stacey Morache-County Board Member, Jeff Sorenson-DNR Liaison Forester, Joe Tucker-County Forester

1. Call Meeting to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairman 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 Rosenberg / Maszk to approve the minutes from the August 30, 2022 regular Forestry/Recreation Committee meeting. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

4. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution

A. Discussion and Possible Action by Committee

1. Consider Approving the Fall 2022 Timber Sale Package – The fall timber sale package had been distributed to Committee for review. The county forest sales offer 326 acres of timber on four tracts with an estimated volume of 21,600 tons and 278.0 thousand board feet. The Big Eau Pleine County Park sale offers 69 acres on one tract with an estimated volume of 1770 tons and 69.0 thousand board feet. Tucker discussed the sales and gave an explanation about how they determine which areas are going to be harvested. The sales will be advertised and the bid opening is October 31, 2022. Questions were answered. **Motion** / second by Rosenberg /Maszk to approve the four County forest sales in the fall 2022 Timber Sale Package. 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

1. Consider Approving County Forest Ordinance Revisions – Chapter 16 - Lovlien said in reviewing the current ordinance he discovered language that should have previously been changed from forest camping permits being free to requiring a fee. The other suggested change is that a camping unit is removed for seven days before being eligible to apply for another forest camping permit and three camping permits are allowed per calendar year. The length of time stays the same as a maximum of 1 to 14 days in a calendar year. The removal for seven days and the length of 1 to 14 days mirrors camping in the campgrounds. Most campers in the forest come to bike, hike, and hunt and this permit is for them to use the county forests as intended, not for someone to live on the County forest which is the reason for the changes. **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to approve the County forest ordinance revisions – Chapter 16 and move them on to the Environmental Resource Committee for consideration. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

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

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. 2023 Budget Update – Polley reported on the department budget. She discussed personnel and non-personnel expenditures and revenue decreases/increases. She discussed the class compensation study that the County is doing and how it affects the budget. The timber sale evenflow amount has been increased to \$305,000. Recent years have been strong but there may be a year when the evenflow amount isn't met. The Department hopes to have future discussions about putting excess department budget revenues into a fund to help offset those down years and for capital projects. Questions were answered.

B. DNR/County Forest Partnership Meeting Minutes – Jeff Sorenson, DNR Liaison, discussed the minutes which consisted of information on County forest time standards, 2021 wildlife update, county conservation aids project updates, forest certification, land use issues, forest health, and forest management. Questions were answered.

C. 2022 Ragnar Trail Wisconsin Update – Lovlien reported that the Ragnar relay race had 2,184 people. The organization would like to extend their contract for another three years and return next September. There have been no major issues and the organization is well run. Significant revenue is received from this race which helps the Nine Mile Enterprise budget.

D. Update From the Fall Wisconsin County Forests Association Meeting – Lovlien gave highlights from the meeting. The WCFA budget priorities for the 2023-2025 State budget did not get put in the DNR budget at this time, discussions took place on carbon marketing, the WCFA strategic plan, what forest certification means to the industry, and that there is no news on the re-opening or selling of the mill in Wisconsin Rapids. Other information came from State forestry leadership about various topics. Lovlien noted that the forest industry people all said they need certified wood from the Counties because their customers are requesting it. He feels third party certification will continue for a long time.

7. Next Meeting Date, Time, Location: Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 1:00pm, Rm. 5 and WebEx, 212 River Dr., Wausau WI 54403

A. Announcements/Requests/Correspondence – Seefeldt may not be able to attend the November meeting. Lovlien received correspondence from Finite Carbon that they are unable to move forward with a carbon project at this time. Congratulations were given to County Forester, Joe Tucker who just got married.

B. Future Agenda Items: Consider Timber Bids and Award Contracts, Forest Advisory Subcommittee Appointment

8. Adjourn – **Motion** / second by Maszk / Rosenberg to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, vote reflected as 3-0.

APPLICATION FOR THE MARATHON COUNTY FOREST CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Name Carmen Engelman Are you a resident of
Marathon County?
Address 215925 Damian Dr
STREET
Mosinee WI 54455
CITY, STATE, ZIP
Phone 715-370-2777
Home Work

Yes YES
No

I am available for meetings: Day yes Evening yes

Please describe your background as it relates to the county forest or forestry or natural resource management in general.

Most of my career was spent working as a coordinator for NorthCentral Technical college. I would research community needs and develop classes to meet those needs. I have also worked with poverty moms and families; teaching budgets and education possibilities. My past experiences will be very helpful in gathering information and communicating it to the board. I'm adequate I'm Word, Excel and Power Point.

Why are you interested in participating as a member of the advisory committee?

I am a avid horse rider. When riding the trails I hear friends speak of improvements or ideas. I also have a good idea of how much work goes into forestry and trails. I believe I would be a good sounding board between the committee and the community. Research is a favorite past time for me. So, I'm a problem solver at heart.

Please add any other information we should consider.

I know horse trails in marathon county, plus throughout Wisconsin. If there is a need to ride areas that need to be checked out, I would be able to do that. I have my own horse, truck and trailer. Now that I am retired, I will be heading south during January, February, and March. So I will not be able to attend the March meeting in person, but I could call in and do a phone conference.

Please return the completed application by October 30, 2022 and any supporting materials to:

Thomas Lovlien, Forest Administrator
Wausau and Marathon County Parks,
Recreation, and Forestry Department
212 River Drive, Suite 2
Wausau, WI 54403-5476

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APPLICATION FOR THE MARATHON COUNTY FOREST CITIZENS' ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE

Name Tammy Wenzel

Are you a resident of
Marathon County?

Address 204818 County Rd E

STREET

Marshfield, WI 54449

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Yes

No

Phone 715 384-2221 cell 715 305 6385

Home

Work

I am available for meetings: Day

Evening

Please describe your background as it relates to the county forest or forestry or natural resource management in general.

I am an equestrian and have enjoyed the horse trails at Eau Claire Park and 9-mile. My history includes extensive riding at State of WI and national parks. I have gained insight into trail issues, maintenance, rules through my travels.

Why are you interested in participating as a member of the advisory committee?

I feel I can bring to the table a working knowledge from the equestrian point of view to blend with the focus of how best to care for and offer our parks.

Please add any other information we should consider.

I am good at researching into background for projects and ideas.

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STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to 17 million acres of forested land, both public and private, that provide raw material to the forest products industry as well as recreational opportunities and vital ecosystem functions; and

WHEREAS; the forest products sector makes essential contributions to Wisconsin's overall economic prosperity, generating more than \$20 billion in goods and services annually and employing around 60,000 people across the state; and

WHEREAS; forestry's economic impact reaches every corner of the state, with forest products-related jobs making up almost 12 percent of all manufacturing jobs statewide, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS; active forest management provides a renewable resource to meet the global demand for a wide range of forest products, and encouraging the use of sustainably harvested wood products helps foster growth within the state's forest products sector by ensuring the industry continues to succeed in the future; and

WHEREAS; there are more than 1,000 companies in Wisconsin's forest products industry that produce a wide variety of products, ranging from paper and doors to furniture and food packaging; and


WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to recognize and celebrate forests for the renewable resources they provide, as well as the important role that the forest products industry has played in the state's history, economy, and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 16 – 22, 2022, as

FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 4th day of
October 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

