

MINUTES
JEFFERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 South Center Avenue, Rm 202
Jefferson WI 53549
April 6, 2015

Committee: Augie Tietz, Chairman; Mike Kelly, Vice Chair; Matt Foelker, Secretary; Walt Christensen, Laura Payne

1. Call to Order

Tietz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Tietz, Foelker, Christensen, Kelly, Payne

Others: Nehmer, Wiesmann, Stanger, Ben Wehmeier, Amy Smith, Bob Bennett

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting posted according to Open Meetings Law

4. Review of Agenda

Agenda approved as written

5. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)

No comment

6. Approval of the February 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Foelker motioned to approve the March 2, 2015 Minutes. Christensen seconded. Passed on a 5-0 vote.

7. Communications

- a. GHA Paddles in April, Bird Walks and Rock River News
- b. Dogs are Invited to Lure Coursing Event – Jefferson Country Living
- c. Koshkonong Mounds Road Construction
- d. DNR Seeks Public Input – Watertown Daily Times

8. Discussion and Possible Decision on Resolution Authorizing Stewardship Application for Recreation Trail (Interurban) from Watertown to Oconomowoc

Nehmer discussed the Stewardship Grant Program Funds.

Motion to move the Resolution to the County Board made by Christensen, seconded by Foelker Passed 5-0. (Christensen suggested to change wording in resolution from “lessen” to “reduce” on last line of last paragraph)

9. Discussion and Possible Decision on Resolution Authorizing Stewardship Application for Watertown Outboarders Property

Nehmer discussed the Watertown Outboarders Property. We are proposing to put in a well, toilet building, picnic area and rustic remote camping at approximately \$31,000. We received a grant from the Quirk Foundation of Watertown for \$28,000.

Motion to move the Resolution to the County Board made by Kelly, seconded by Christensen, Passed 5-0.

10. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Resolution Authorizing Stewardship Application for Mountain Biking/Parking/Trail Connection at Human Services/New Highway Department**
Nehmer suggested we roll this item over to the 2016 agenda.
Motion to table discussions on item until 2016 by Foelker, seconded by Christensen, passed 5-0.
11. **Discussion and Possible Decision on the Disposition of Two Buildings at Dorothy Carnes Park East**
Wiesmann said two buildings at the Dorothy Carnes Park East were not repairable and unsafe and requested to put out for bids for tearing down.
Motion by Foelker to start bidding process for disposition of buildings, seconded by Payne, Passed 5-0.
12. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Crawfish River Park Plan**
Nehmer discussed the progress of the plan and noted a charrette group is not done with planning and won't be presenting a plan until later in the year.
Motion to table the item until further planning is completed by Kelly, seconded by Foelker, Passed 5-0.
13. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Tour of Jefferson County Parks**
Nehmer suggested the Committee tour the Jefferson County Parks, possibly half in the Spring and half in the Fall. The Committee was agreeable to the tours and the Parks Department will work on developing dates for the tours.
14. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Garman Nature Preserve Timber Sale**
Wiesmann requested the go ahead to proceed with a timber sale at Garman Nature Preserve.
Motion to go ahead with Timber Sale made by Kelly, seconded by Foelker, passed 5-0.
15. **Discussion and Possible Decision on Resolution Supporting the Stewardship Program for Local Units of Government (Stewardship Program: The Governor's budget establishes a moratorium on Stewardship Program land purchases by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The local assistance component of the Stewardship Program is not frozen under the Governor's Proposal.)**
Nehmer noted significant changes are being made in the State Budget regarding Stewardship Programs.
Motion to support this resolution and move to Administration and Rules by Foelker, seconded by Kelly passed 4-1, Christensen opposing.
16. **Update on Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sports Show & Canoecopia**
Matthews reported.
17. **Update on Natural Resources Foundation Endowment funds**
Nehmer reported Trees for the Future funds were allocated to buy trees for the bike trail and the Jefferson County Parks Endowment funds were allocated to the Interurban Trail Project. The committee requested a Thank You note be sent to the Molinaro's for the tree fund donation.
18. **Update on Watertown Outboarders Implementation Plan**
Nehmer reported the plan should be ready to present this fall.
19. **Update on Holzhueter Implementation Plan**
A meeting was held last week with Margaret Burlingham, DNR and County staff. Burlingham reported the draft plan should be done by mid-July and once approved they can start the public meeting process and should be done by this fall.

20. Update on Glacial Heritage Area (GHA) Project – Greg Matthews

Matthews reported Asset Maps are ready to go and once they are OK'd 10,000 copies will be printed.

21. Update on Fundraising for Interurban Trail

Nehmer reported donations have been coming in, Share The Road donated \$1,000 and Watertown Regional Medical Center donated \$1,500.

22. Update on 2015 Parks Budget

Nehmer reported the budget is being worked on and there are no significant concerns.

23. Set next meeting date May 4, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m. and possible agenda items

No comment

24. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 by Christensen, seconded by Foelker, passed 5-0.