

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.
Department of Public Works Committee Room
3715 Newville Road - Janesville, WI

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Brown, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors Bussie and Fox

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney and Tom Presny. Dean Paynter was absent.

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Joleen Stinson, Community Coordinator
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: Brian Knudson, Rock County Board of Supervisors
Jerry Paulson, Natural Land Institute

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Brown moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2012. Supervisors Brown and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. None.

PARKS BUSINESS

Possible Consideration of Allowing Emergency Cutting and Harvesting of Grassy Vegetation from County Parks and/or County Road Rights-of-Way. Supervisors Arnold and Brown moved the request. Lori Williams reported there is about 45 acres of grassy area that could be harvested. Ben Coopman arrived. He stated if they want to go out on the road rights-of-way, go ahead. He did not think there were many places suitable for harvesting.

Brian Knudson stated this would help the small farmers in the area. More discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee recommended this be handled through the FSA and UW-Extension.

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Approval of Award of Bid for Royce Dallman Dock. Supervisors Brown and Arnold moved to award the bid to VW Docks of Spirit Lake, Iowa for \$9,899. MOTION CARRIED.

Possible Consideration of Avon Park Land Addition Donation. Supervisors Brown and Arnold moved to consider possible land donation. Jerry Paulson explained he is the director of a land institute and they want to protect land along the Sugar River. This parcel contains about one acre of land and used to be the site of the Avon Gristmill. Discussion. Lori feels this would be a nice addition to what we already have as it adjoins Avon Park. More discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Project Report. Lori reported we will be receiving a grant for the DeLong property. It is in being processed at this time.

Parks Advisory Committee Comments. None.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. Ben announced the I39 widening meeting covering the southern section from CTH O to the state line will be held at Turtle Town Hall on August 28 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

He also announced there will be a Public Information Meeting on the CTH G mega project at Aldridge Middle School in Beloit on Thursday, August 30 from 6-8 p.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Brown moved to adjourn at 9:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II