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Public Works Committee Minutes Tuesday, October 11, 2016 – 8:00 a.m. Public Works Department Committee Room

<u>Call to Order</u>. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll, Fox and Richard

Staff Members:

Ron Burdick

Airport Director

Amy Friend

Secretary II

Jeff Kuglitsch

Corporation Counsel

Lori Williams

Parks Director

Others Present:

Bonnie Cooksey

Janesville Jet Center

Floyd Finney

Parks Advisory Committee

Robert Logan

Janesville Jet Center

Therese Oldenburg
Dean Paynter

Friends of Turtle Creek
Parks Advisory Committee

Tom Presny

Parks Advisory Committee

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2016.</u> Supervisors Driscoll and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

<u>Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.</u> Tom Presny asked about taking action on the forming of an overall Parks Committee Group. The overall friends group was discussed in the September meeting. Chair Bussie recommended adding this item to the November's agenda.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

<u>Update on Janesville Jet Parking Lot.</u> Ron Burdick explained the item had to be tabled at the last Airport meeting because Jeff Kuglitsch wanted to be at the meeting. Jeff needed to look at the lease and determinate whose responsibility it was to fix the parking lot. Jeff stated the Janesville Jet lease includes the building but not the parking lot. The parking lot is the County's responsibly to repair. Ron stated the funds for fixing the parking lot have been included in the 2017 Budget for capital improvements. He stated he received an estimate from the Highway department for \$20,700.00 for repairs to the parking lot. Jeff stated the lease with Janesville Jet was written before the current standards were made in 2012. The new minimum standard requires four acres.

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Ron stated that four acres would be available. Discussion took place about repairing the parking lot and amending the lease to follow the minimum standards. After much discussion, the Committee will take action after the 2017 budget is approved.

PARKS BUSINESS

<u>Approve Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract For Carver-Roehl Park Toilet</u>

<u>Project.</u> Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the resolution awarding the contract to the lowest bidder, Huffcutt Concrete of Chippewa Falls, WI for \$34,230.00. MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Director Report. The Committee reviewed the Parks Directors Report. Discussion took place on the demolition of the Welty Center. The center is gone and they still have some finish grading to do. Discussion on the Gibbs Lake candlelight hike which was held on September 23, 2016 with 40 participants. The hike raised \$192.00 to go to the Green Fund. Discussion on the Friends of Carver-Roehl Fall Fest held on October 2, 2016. Over 400 people attended the event. Discussion took place on the signs for the trail system for Magnolia Bluff that need to be installed. Lori stated this is a massive project for the Parks staff.

<u>Discussion of the Rye Property on 140 and Turtle Creek.</u> Discussion on this property which is located on Highway 140 adjacent to Turtle Creek. The property is owned by Rye Farms. This property is being used as a public boat launch although it is private property owned by Rye Farms. The boat launch is a popular spot in Rock County for kayaking, canoeing, and fishing. Dean Paynter spoke to Andy Rye after he put up a No Trespassing sign at the launch area. The sign was posted after the Rye family's concern for liability if someone gets hurt on the property. Rock County mows the parking area. Dean stated the property was put up for sale a few years ago with no interest. He suggests the County buy it or pursue an easement so the popular launch site can remain in use. Lori will set up a meeting with Andy Rye.

<u>Discussion on Parks Rate Review.</u> Lori provided a handout. Discussion took place on the Rock County Parks rates and how they compared with the surrounding areas. The Committee would like to see more rates from other counties that offer similar services. Lori will provide more information at a future meeting.

<u>Update on the Delong Property.</u> Discussion took place on how much land the family is interested in selling or donating. Lori will continue attempting to contact the family to set up a meeting and get clarity on what they want to do. This item will be added to a future agenda as information becomes available.

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<u>Set Next Meeting Date.</u> The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 9:01 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend Secretary II