

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, July 7, 2011 – 8:30 a.m.  
Beckman Mill County Park  
11450 South CTH H – Beloit WI 53511

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. Chair Yankee welcomed the guests present.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Diestler, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

Parks Advisory Committee Members: Floyd Finney, Mike Guisleman-Absent and Tom Presny-Absent

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

Others Present: Gillian Batterman  
Mark Batterman  
Arnie Degarmo  
Jim Disrud  
Sheri Disrud  
Dave Dobson  
Stephanie Dobson  
Diane Papcke

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

Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2011. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mark Batterman and Gillian Batterman spoke in favor of purchasing the parcel of land along STH 140 that has access to Turtle Creek and has been used many years as a canoe/kayak access point. The land is currently for sale and they encouraged the Committee to look into purchasing it. They have noticed many canoers and kayakers using Turtle Creek.

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Chair Yankee appreciates the comments and stated the County will look into it. Gillian mentioned that Winnebago County is adding land on a regular basis making a corridor to the Sugar River and wishes Rock County would do the same with Turtle Creek.

Lori updated the Committee on the progress of the Janesville to Beloit Trail.

Arnie Degarmo is a member of the Janesville Canoe Club and he is in favor of purchasing that property along STH 140 also. He complimented the County on the new boardwalk.

A brief discussion on the proposed canoe launch on Bass Creek took place.

**PARKS BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Grant Funds. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. Lori stated this resolution allows us to reapply for the funds for the Delong property. MOTION CARRIED.

Project Report. Discussion on items listed in the report took place.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd reported working on the Ice Age Multi-Use Trail clearing trees from the last storm.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, August 11 at 8:30 a.m. at Public Works Department.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:20 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II