Pigeon River Country Equestrian Committee

Official Minutes

Date: September 10, 2024

Meeting time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Roscommon DNR Office

Roll Call:

Members Present

- Chuck Fanslow
- Kerry Mase
- Bonnie Cornelius
- Darlene Alexander
- Norma Laine

Members Absent

- Barb Curtis
- Lynn Noll
- Carol Clute
- Natascha Graham
- Sandy Franz

Ex-Officio Present

- Forest Division: Mark Monroe - PRCSF Manager
- Parks and Recreation Division: Jeff Clarke, Supervisor of Otsego Lake State Park and PRCSF Campgrounds and Trails
- Jacob Vallence Ranger
- Paige Perry, Recreational Trails Specialist

Ex-Officio Absent

- Wildlife Division: Shelby Adams
- Richard Hill – Gaylord District Supervisor PRD

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval Meeting Minutes:

A **Motion** to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2024 meeting was made by Darlene Alexander and seconded by Norma Laine. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

A **Motion** to accept the agenda was made by Darlene Alexander seconded by Norma Laine. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Cornwall Dam: Jeff Clarke reported that phase one of the drawdown was still in process. Currently the water has been drawn down 5 feet with the goal being 6 to 7 feet. Access to the dam will be open after the contractor removes their equipment. Reconstruction bids are currently being taken. If the reconstruction plan is approved, funded and begins, access to the dam will again be closed as work progresses.

Solar Well: Jeff Clarke reports that one contractor felt that the solar well components that the DNR has purchased will not be strong enough to draw water the 90 feet from the current well. Bonnie Cornelius recommended that Jeff contact Dave Dekett of Clear Lake State Park to discuss the set up used for the solar well at the Big Oaks Campground.

Hitching Post Inspiration Point: Paige Perry reported that the proposal had not yet been submitted for permit approval because some information was missing. Paige needs written submission of a site drawing of the hitching post, a photo of the area where hitching post is to be located, gps location, and details of cost and source of funds. Paige will be contacting Lynn Noll for the information needed.

New Business:

Election of Officers: A **Motion** was made by Darlene Alexander and seconded by Kerry Mase, to have the current officers serve another term. Motion carried.

Officers for 2025: Chair- Chuck Fanslow, Vice Chair- Barb Curtis, Secretary- Kerry Mase

Report from Chuck Fanslow MTRA: A location for the campground has not been settled on by DNR and City of Cheboygan. Negotiations continue

News worth sharing on Pigeon River Country State Forest – Mark Monroe: There have been no wildfires reported so far this season. The Department utilized control burns in three areas to help regenerate grass and eliminate invasives. Darlene Alexander asked about getting the part of the equestrian trail (P19) reestablished that had been destroyed when the clear cutting and trenching for replanting was done. She asked if it was possible for a re-route in this one area. Paige said that she would look at the area in question. Reestablishing this part of the trail could be worked on during the next spring work bee hosted by Backcountry Horsemen.

Next Meeting:

April 8, 2025 Roscommon DNR

Future Agenda Items:

Cornwall Dam update

Solar Well

Hitching Post

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerry K. Mase

Secretary