

**Gilman School  
School Forest Committee  
MINUTES**

Monday, August 10, 2020  
6:00 pm in the Library  
325 Fifth Avenue, Gilman, WI 54433

- Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm
- In attendance
  - Board Forest Committee Members: Bruce Ewings, Darrell Thompson
  - Community Forest Committee Member: Ray Soper
  - Administration: Walter Leipart
  - Guest: Jeff Sorenson, WI DNR, Gretchen Marshall, Wisconsin School Forest Education Specialist
- Committee Member not in attendance:
  - Board Forest Committee Member: Matthew Chaplinski
- Committee report on school forest lands by Jeff Soernson indicated that the Jump River, Pershing, possibly Roosevelt could be considered for timber sale. Removal of ash, tamarack, and select mature aspen and hardwoods will be considered.
- Reviewed land titles and identified that school forest properties in Cleveland, Roosevelt, and Taft if no longer managed by the District would revert to the donor. All three properties were deeded to the District from Taylor County. School forest properties in Jump River and Pershing do not have a revert clause in the deed.
- Goals for the 2020-21 school year include
  - Continued investigation of timber sale on all 5 properties
  - Full Board of Education discussion regarding the consideration of approaching the Taylor County Board to approve a resolution to allow the School District to sell school forest properties in Cleveland, Roosevelt, and Taft and use the funds to develop the remaining school forest properties for educational purposes.
  - Develop a plan for school forest education starting with the school forest in Roosevelt, which is the wayside property on HWY 64.
- Long range planning will be discussed at a future meeting as the goals for 2020-21 will shape long range planning.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm