

## FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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**DATE:** June 6, 2018

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, Van Raalte, Almekinder  
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**— At 3:00 p.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order, noting that it had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

**APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION**— It was moved by Mott seconded by Van Raalte to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**— It was moved by Pence, seconded by Van Raalte to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2018 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—  
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$660,131.03
- b) Award Re-Advertised Timber Sale Contracts – No bids were received.

LDF requested the Department arrange for tour of the Indian Village historical site for tribal members. To avoid impacting the site, the suggestion is to do several small groups. Sorensen agreed and said if committee members attend separately, there will not be a quorum. Fiene is in contact with the tribal archeologist, Cindy Stiles.

Update on the contract status for rebuilding Burrows Lake ATV Bridges located in the Town of Little Rice (SENE, Sec. 10, T36N-R5E). Bilogan reported the contract has been signed. Pitz will give a week notice before starting. Since the contract expires July 6, Corp Counsel says the committee can give Bilogan the authority to extend it. There is no additional fee to extend the permits, which expire July 19. Mott moved to allow a 6 month extension. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Little Rice ATV Club requested pit run from Burrows Lake Rd gravel pit (SENE, NESE, Sec. 3, T36N-R5E). There is a history that recreational clubs have standing permission to request free pit run for use on trails located on the County Forest. Because the request is for 300 yards, Bilogan checked with the Town of Little Rice. The Town approves, but does not want to do any extra reclamation. Mott moved to approve, Almekinder seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Zimmer and Almon sign dedications. The ceremony to dedicate the Zimmer sign will be held at the County G parking lot. Bilogan will contact Mr. Zimmer to get some available dates and times and poll the committee.

A Land Use Agreement to allow temporary camping at Perch Lake Park, July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with the Rasta sponsored "Rock 'n' Root Mountain Bike Race" was presented by the department. RASTA will contact the nearby landowners to inform them of the event. Mott moved to approve, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Progress update on Oneida Co. 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan – Fred Heider, NWRPC. Heider reported a record 676 responses to the survey. He went over the key findings and said the committee should discuss the responses and how to proceed.

Bilogan recommended the Department “stay in their wheelhouse” with motorized trails, and silent sports trails. The new ATV Trail expansion in Enterprise is moving along well. The Department also oversees parks, fishing and boating on the County Forest. He added that if there is a decision to pursue other recreation opportunities, the budget must be considered. Sorensen remarked that Vilas County has received extensive funding from private sources and Oneida County should look at that. Heider will bring a draft of the plan to the next meeting.

#### Staffing Requests

- a. 2019 Limited Term Employees (LTE’s). Bilogan submitted a request for two Parks summer LTE positions, a laborer and a ranger. Van Raalte moved to approve the request, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried
- b. The Forestry Account Clerk gave notice of retirement effective September 4. Bilogan requested to waive the 6 month waiting period and to allow 4 weeks of overlap training. Pence moved to approve, Almekinder seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Progress update on Knowles Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant Application. Bilogan had no firm news but feels positive. He hopes to hear something at the Summer Tour on June 20-22.

WCFA Summer Tour Agenda was distributed. Mott and Sorensen will attend from the committee.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS—**

Gerald Anderson – Asked if the logging contracts have provisions to protect silent sports trails. Bilogan assured him that is done. Anderson then reported the Almon Park boardwalks are under water in spots. He suggested that the boardwalks be raised. Bilogan responded that there is a tentative plan to reroute those portions of the trails temporarily. He will look at other options and bring them back to the committee.

Guy Hansen – The elevated wetland crossing is completed. RASTA had received a grant with the assistance of the Forestry Dept.

#### **VOUCHERS**

Vouchers which totaled \$145,830.03 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to approve payment, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Due to the holiday, the July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.

Options for Almon boardwalks  
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship application status  
Draft Recreation Plan  
Mining discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT—**With business completed, it was moved by Van Raalte seconded by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY