MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING # 7-2008

DATE: May 28, 2008 TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: County Board Room; 2nd Floor; Court House; Rhinelander, WI PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Rudolph, Thompson, Peters;

Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Eckardt. Attached list of attendees.

ABSENT: Baier

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wis. Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chair Petroskey at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION —It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Peters, to approve the current agenda. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY FRED HEIDER, PLANNER, NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (NCWRPC), DESCRIBING THE 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN, AND THE PROCESS THAT WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP SAID PLAN—Heider distributed handouts on Oneida County Facility Goals and Objectives for the 2009—2013 Outdoor Recreation Plan. Heider also explained the process that will be used to develop the plan, including comments on-line in July and direct comments to Fred Heider (NCWRPC), and / or the Oneida County Forestry & Parks Office. Some Forestry Committee members stated that perhaps timber sale revenue could be set aside in the future for park and trail maintenance. Chair Petroskey stated that he felt it would be beneficial to schedule a tour of all of Oneida County Facilities for the entire Oneida County Board of Supervisors so the entire County Board has an opportunity to see all of Oneida County's Facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / INPUT ON ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANPublic comments / input on the plan were received by the attached list of attendees. Key issues stated included the following: Perch Lake Project funding; park / facility security; campground ordinance; silent sports and health aspects; disabled persons opportunities; tourism aspects; silent sports (non-motorized outdoor recreation) working with motorized outdoor recreation enthusiast (ATV riders; snowmobilers); provide more bike lanes; alternative trail routes; decrease noise pollution on lakes; preserve historical sites (Indian burial grounds); development of ATV trails desired in the Lake Tomahawk area; Trout Unlimited representation of Woodboro Springs restoration; erosion control; prioritization of types of bike trails; off road bike trails more desirable; encouragement of private group organizations to help with maintenance of trails.

ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDA(S)—Reminder of next regular scheduled Forestry Committee Meeting—June 4, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Peters, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR
CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY