## MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING # 1-2008

DATE: January 2, 2008

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chairman Rudolph; Committee Members Petroskey; Wickman; Hansen;

Baier; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt; DNR Liaison Manny Oradei

OTHERS: Les Felbab; Jim Cheshire (Wireless Planning for Cellcom)

ABSENT: TAG Member: Samantha Stelmack

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chairman Rudolph at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chairman's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2007 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Wickman, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried. 4 aye; 1 abstained (Baier).

UPDATE PERTAINING TO THE REQUEST RECEIVED FROM USFS TO COLLECT CARBON FLUX DATA ON COUNTY FOREST LAND—Bilogan reported that a Land Use Agreement is being prepared and ready for review by February 6, 2008.

## FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

- a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue—A chart & graph were distributed showing the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue.
- b) Timber Sales for Disposition--The timber sale agenda was distributed and action taken as follows:

Contract #1435 held by Wiitala Vozka Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed, return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$59,640.25, pending road inspection, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

Contract #1446 held by Burt Collins Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed and to return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$12,245.00, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

Contract #1421 held by DeBoth Bros. Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed, refund cash deposit of \$5,964.00, and return Letter of Credit deposit of \$3,976.00, pending road inspection, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

PROPOSED CELLCOM TOWER SITE (LOCATED WITHIN THE SE1/4 OF THE NE1/4, SEC.13, T36N, R7E):

a) Corporation Counsel review of Cellcom's proposed tower site lease agreement—Bilogan reported that he had made contact with Corporation Counsel on December 4, 2007, and to date had not received any input on the proposed lease agreement. Jim Cheshire, with Wireless Planning for Cellcom, was in attendance and stated that he had

been in contact with Corporation Counsel and that a review would be forthcoming in January, and eventually on to County Board for review and action.

b) Update on the withdrawal of 0.23-acres of County Forest Land, required for the proposed Cellcom Tower Site, from the State County Forest Law Program—Bilogan reported that he has been working on the paperwork concerning the withdrawal, but the information had not been submitted to the DNR yet, but would be in the near future. Manny Oradei concurred that the withdrawal process takes quite awhile to complete.

## WINTER RECREATIONAL TRAILS:

- a) Status report on the condition and opening of winter recreational trails maintained and / or administered by the Oneida County Forestry Department—Bilogan stated that Oneida County Snowmobile Trails officially opened on December 12, 2007. Trails were 100% inspected and in excellent condition. The Oneida County cross country ski trails were all groomed by December 28, 2007, and also in excellent condition.
- b) Invitation received for the Forestry Committee to participate in a snowmobile trail inspection / tour, hosted by the Oneida County Snowmobile Council—Bilogan explained that the Oneida County Snowmobile Council's invitation included sleds, helmets, gear, etc to the Forestry Committee. The Forestry Committee decided on Friday, February 1, 2008 (at 9:00 a.m.) as the date (and time) they could participate in a snowmobile trail inspection / tour. All Forestry Committee members expressed an interest in riding.

REVIEW INFORMATION RESULTING FROM CONTRACTED SURVEY WORK PERFORMED IN SECTION 6-T35N-R9E, TOWN OF ENTERPRISE—Bilogan and Fiene explained the survey work information and distributed maps of the areas that had been surveyed. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Wickman, to direct staff to notify landowner in the NWSW Sec.6-T35N-R9E, concerning survey, access permit possibility, deadline of 6.1.2008 to remove trailer from County property. Motion carried. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Wickman, to direct staff to notify (via certified mail) landowner in the NENE Sec.6-T35N-R9E, concerning survey boundary lines, and Forestry Committee's acceptance of survey as accurate, and to have Corporation Counsel review the letter and information prior to mailing notification (certified mail). Motion carried. Bilogan informed the Committee of the reason for the expensive survey work, that being the liability insurance requirement. Chairman Rudolph suggested that Bilogan investigate the possibility of funding for future survey work coming from timber stumpage revenue.

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMARY OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT EXPENSES BETWEEN 2006—2008: Bilogan distributed a summary of Forestry Department expenses. It was suggested that this summary become a possible article in the North Star Journal and / or other media, part of the annual report, and be forwarded to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors.

WCFA SPRING COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATORS MEETING FEBRUARY 28 AND 29, 2008—Bilogan explained that the meeting will take place in Eagle River, WI, and therefore no need expected for motel accommodations. Complete agenda, registration form, and other information will be forthcoming. Chairman Rudolph stated that he would be unable to attend the meeting. RSVP needed by February 6, 2008.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—The following vouchers were approved for payment on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen: DeBoth Bros. Logging \$5964.00; Airgas \$17.40;

MidAmerCo. \$212.97; CIB \$45.00; Hallstrom Marine \$77.97; Shoeder's Marine \$116.95; Musson Bros. \$65.48; Northwest Petroleum \$10,969.43; WCFA \$2,997.47; Nicolet Surveying \$7,200.00; Oneida Co. Highway \$1567.61; Town of Enterprise \$132.80; Fastenal \$27.97; Lakeland Hardware \$77.31; Sherwin-Williams Co. \$77.59. Motion carried. The following blanket purchase orders were approved for payment on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Baier: Wisconsin Public Service \$666.89; Frontier \$42.00; Oneida County Solid Waste Dept. \$17.50; Culligan Water Conditioning \$94.25; Alltel \$59.65. Motion carried. (Blank 2008 blanket purchase order forms were signed by the Committee.)

The following line item transfers were approved on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Wickman:

TRANSFER FROM 56110.521901=\$7068.00

TRANSFER TO 51450.699008=\$7068.00

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMTITEE MEETING(S)—USFS Lease Agreement Update; Perch Lake Shelter Update; Cellcom Tower Site Update; Winter Recreational Trails Status Report / Update; Survey Correspondence Update; Survey Funding Source from Timber Stumpage Revenue Update; 15-Year Plan Camping Ordinance Amendments Update; Approve Forestry Committee & Staff to attend WCFA meeting on February 28 & 29, 2008 in Eagle River, WI.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Baier mentioned that he had talked with a person who did volunteer caretaker position work in the south and had positive comments about this type of volunteer work.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:23 p.m. it was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

THOMAS RUDOLPH CINDY ECKARDT RECORDING SECRETARY