

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 5-2009

DATE: March 4, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Peters; Baier.
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.

EXCUSED: Rudolph; Thompson.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Bob England; Al Sachse;
Guy Hansen; Bob Abel; Frank Peters; Tom Wiensch; Mike Winter.

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 Chair Petroskey at 9:00 a.m.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2009 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2009 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Baier, to approve the minutes of the aforementioned meetings. Motion carried.

PERCH LAKE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

a) Lee & Winter Construction, Inc. Performance Bond. The Committee decided to hold the Performance Bond of Lee & Winter Construction, Inc. until concrete heaving problems at Perch Lake Warming Shelter are repaired or the problems subside within a specific time period, as outlined by Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch.

b) Proposed Agreement to correct concrete slabs and propane line at Warming Shelter. Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch proposed 3 options to correct the problems at the Warming Shelter. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to return \$2000.00 to Lee & Winter Construction, Inc., to retain the remaining \$2,103.09, and return the Performance Bond when the problems outlined above are taken care of or the problems subside within a specific time period, as outline by Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch. Bilogan suggested the entire \$4,103.09 final payment be given to Lee & Winter Construction Company, Inc. now, and that the County could use the performance bond to insure corrections are made.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report—Fiene distributed the Year –to-Date 2009 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$126,137.03 for February.

b) Timber Sale(s) for Disposition—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Peters, to approve the following timber sale for disposition:

Contract # 1440 held by Futurewood Corp closed as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit Deposit (\$30,876.48), pending road closure / inspection. Motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN:

a) Public Comments from open house—Bilogan summarized the public comments received at the open house on February 19, 2009.

b) Written Comments received by NCWRPC—Bilogan distributed written comments that had been received by the NCWRPC.

c) Proposed alteration(s) to the existing draft Recreation Plan—Bilogan explained that there always seems to be a 50 / 50 split between the public’s use for motorized recreation and silent sports recreation on the Oneida County Forest. However, all types of recreation require maintenance, which becomes a balancing act. All development of trails will continue to be considered. Bilogan hopes to continue with the present way of managing the recreational opportunities on the Oneida County Forest. It was proposed that additional language be inserted into the Outdoor Recreation Plan stating that expansion of both silent sport trails and motorized recreational trails will be considered and pursued by Oneida County. However, trail advocates would need to develop a plan on how the above mentioned trails could be developed and *maintained* at no additional cost to Oneida County. This will help address many of the public comments received which showed a desire to have more silent trails and motorized trails.

UPDATE ON 2009 FIREWOOD POLICY—Bilogan distributed the current firewood permit policy and fees. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Baier, to approve the 2009 firewood policy. Motion carried.

2008 ANNUAL REPORT—Bilogan distributed the 2008 Annual Report, and stated that Finance Director’s final summary sheet will be forthcoming, and that any changes to the annual report will be addressed until March 10, 2009. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Peters, to approve the 2008 Annual Report and to forward it on for the March 17, 2009 County Board meeting. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Baier, to approve vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment as follows: Fastenal Co. \$47.86; Oneida Co. Highway \$341.75; Ritchie Lakeland Oil Co. \$145.74; Front Line Service \$382.75; Pomp’s Tire Service \$42.95; Shoeder’s \$28.93; Hallstrom Sports \$83.98; Able Engravers \$187.90; DCI Building Center \$11.90; Lee & Winter Construction Co. \$2,000.00 +

\$289.04; Ben Meadows Co. \$134.66; Viking Electric Supply \$352.22; Townships (2008 severance) \$83,844.88; Lakeland Hardware \$101.61; Wisconsin Public Service \$722.44; Culligan Water Conditioning \$214.53; Frontier \$42.00; Airgas \$19.20. Motion carried.

It was moved by Baier, seconded by Peters, to approve the following 2008 year end line item transfers:

Transfer From:	Transfer To:
55210.531204=\$65.00	55210.531302=\$65.00
55410-435730=\$562.00	55410.513001=\$562.00
55412.435732=\$322.00	55412.513001=\$322.00

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—
April 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Forestry Committee Meeting: Perch Lake Park Fireplace & Toilets; Approval of Oneida County 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan (for April 21, 2009 County Board Meeting).

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Questions about new firewood policy. Paul Fiene offered to make coat peg rack for Perch Lake Warming Shelter.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Peters, seconded by Petroskey, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY