

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** September 3, 2014

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Rudolph, Van Raalte, Zunker.

Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Bradley. Corp Counsel: Desmond, Wiensch

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER-** At 4:00 p.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order, noting that it had been properly posted in accordance with procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Due to a large public attendance, meeting then moved to Committee Room #2.

**APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION-** It was moved by Rudolph to approve current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Seconded by Mott.

VanRaalte objected to Item 4,(Resolution to County Board re: permission to consider mining exploration requests) Roll call vote. Sorensen aye, Rudolph aye, Mott aye, Van Raalte no, Zunker no. With a majority of 3-2, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO COUNTY BOARD RE: PERMISSION TO CONSIDER MINING EXPLORATION REQUESTS.** Mott asked whether this request is only regarding the Lynne deposit. Sorensen confirmed this is only pertaining to the one request. Public comments were accepted, including the following:

Supervisor Van Raalte provided information about Carolina Gold Resources and John Prochnau that he had found on the Internet.

John Bowman, Nokomis Town Chair, is a registered engineer in the mining field. He gave his opinion on the proposal and procedures that would be entailed if the county did proceed with a lease agreement.

Tom Maulson, Brian Hoover, Brooks BigJohn, and Ruben Sanchez all spoke for the tribes. The tribes are against mining exploration and will work to prevent it.

Jean Roach stated as elected officials, the committee should listen to the voice of the people and take mining off the table.

Supervisor Mott gave the results of his own informal survey, which shows people want more information.

Supervisor Rudolph asked why all these people are allowed to give their input, yet they will not give Mr. Prochnau the same rights.

Rudolph moved to allow the County Board to make the decision and to move the resolution forward . Sorensen seconded . Rudolph restated that this is not a vote for a mine, it's just to allow a presentation. Roll call vote: Zunker no. Van Raalte no. Matt no, Sorensen aye. Rudolph aye. Motion fails. 3-2.

Motion by Matt. second by Rudolph to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(e)(g), Wis Stats., for: Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (Topics: Wilson Road Gravel Pit I NMM #14 and use of Town of Lynne roads.)

All members present voted Aye on roll call vote. Motion carried.

Discussion held in closed session.

Motion by Matt, Van Raalte seconded to return to open session. Roll call vote with all voting Aye: motion carried. No motions during closed session.

**TEMPORARY PRIVATE LOGGING ACCESS AGREEMENT.** Van Raalte moved to approve Timber Valley agreement, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**AWARD LAND SURVEY CONTRACT** (LOCATION: NWNW SEC. 9 T35N - R9E). Only one proposal was received, and Land Info will pay for part of the survey. Mott moved to approve, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried .

**VOUCHERS & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**

Van Raalte moved to accept vouchers as presented, Rudolph seconded . All aye, motion carried .

**ADJOURNMENT.** Due to lateness of the hour, another meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to address the remaining agenda items. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Matt, to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. All aye, motion carried.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY