MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING # 12-2009

DATE: September 2, 2009

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Thompson; Baier; Rudolph.

Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.

EXCUSED: Peters.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Guy Hansen; Jane Severt;

Ruth Sproull; Tom Handrick.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:00 a.m. Chair Petroskey called the meeting to order, noting that the meeting 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 Thompson, seconded by Baier, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2009 AND AUGUST 24, 2009 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 and August 24, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

WCFA (JANE SEVERT) POSITION ON FEDERAL FOREST ISSUE—After Bilogan gave a brief introduction on the Federal Forest issue, Jane Severt, Executive Director of the WCFA, explained the economic importance of logging on the local forests, including the Federal Forests. However, the WCFA Board of Directors should direct the opinion of the WCFA. Ms. Severt stated that Congressman Kagen seemed to have a sincere involvement in the Federal Forest logging issue and Jane suggested letters to legislators in support of Congressman Kagen's advisory committee be considered. It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thomspon, to ask Ms. Severt to work with Oneida County Forestry Staff in composing a letter of support of Congressman Kagen's suggestions concerning proper forest management and to send to other legislators encouraging them to follow suit. Motion carried.

BID OPENING: STACKS BAY SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE RE-DECKING PROJECT—Five bids were received, opened, and read aloud as follows:

Decker Lumber & Supply Inc. Bid \$9,450.00 Thomas M. Handrick Bid \$8,600.00 (Alternate Bid \$7,600.00, using pine decking) Janke General Contractors Inc Bid \$18,459.00 Lee & Winter Construction Bid \$24,051.20 United Construction Inc Bid \$9,997.00

It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to award the project and to accept the low bid of \$8,600.00 from Thomas M. Handrick, with the stipulation being that the bid must meet all bid specifications. If not, go to next low bid / bidder. Motion carried.

ATV TRAIL RE-ROUTE (LITTLE RICE ATV RIDERS)—Bilogan explained the reason for the ATV Trail Re-Route and distributed a map of the trail in question. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the proposed ATV Trail Re-Route. Motion carried.

2010 STAFFING REQUEST—Bilogan distributed copies of the four LTE staffing requests for County Forest Ranger LTE, Summer Maintenance LTE, Winter Maintenance LTE, and Forestry LTE (which is 100% grant funded). It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2010 Staffing Requests, and to forward to the LRES Committee. Motion carried.

2010 BUDGET FOR THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT—Bilogan explained all of the forestry department's budget for 2010, and distributed copies of the 2010 budget, after which it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to accept the 2010 Budget for the Forestry Department. Motion carried.

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 \$12,555.67 for August, and the Year-to-Date Amount of \$624,816.64.
- b) Timber Sale for Disposition—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the following timber sale for disposition:

 Contract # 1509 held by Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$2,027.19). Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to approve vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment as follows: Biewer Wis Sawmill \$2027.19; John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$55.00; CTL Co. \$815.37; Greg's Small Engine \$58.61; Dept.of Corrections \$293.32; Oneida Co. Reg.of Deeds \$11.00; Teschendorf & Shrock \$26,510.29; Northern Waste \$51.30; Rent a Flash \$264.61; Oneida Co. Hwy. \$1,306.51; Antigo Machinery Sales \$2,882.99; Auto Value \$37.19; Jack's Super Service \$340.00; Dahlquist Heating & Cooling \$199.90; Oneida Co. Snowmobile Council \$48,887.50; Alltel

\$68.91; Culligan \$65.75; Frontier \$42.00; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$133.50; Airgas \$21.08; Wisconsin Public Service \$157.80; Northwoods Media \$34.23. Motion carried. No line item transfers.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)— October 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Forestry Committee Meeting: Closed Session Updates on Timber Theft and Heartwood Land; Ordinance Revision on Park Facility Hours; Timber Sale Bid Opening.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab inquired if the Heartwood Land issues would be worked out by the start of snowmobile season.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR
CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY