

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 3, 2018

TIME: 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, Van Raalte, Zunker
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

OTHERS: Rich Reidinger, RASTA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 3:30 p.m. Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order, noting that it 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 Van Raalte seconded by Mott to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Van Raalte seconded by Zunker to approve the minutes of the Dec. 6, 2017 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—**
Fiene reported that the 2017 stumpage revenue was \$1,926,892.20, which is a new record high for Oneida County Forestry. Bilogan noted that approximately \$387,000 more than budgeted will go into the general fund.
- b) **NEW POLICIES FOR DELINQUENT CONTRACTS.** Fiene presented the new written policy for delinquent stumpage, which was approved by Corp Counsel. Van Raalte moved to accept the new policy, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried. Fiene then presented the new written policy for contract cancellation. Mott moved to approve the new policy, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) **WEATHER CONDITIONS** are best in years for winter logging. Bilogan noted all loggers with winter jobs have been notified that extensions will be unlikely.

2018 RASTA Silent Trail Maintenance Contract

Bilogan noted the changes from last year's contract. There is new language regarding single track trails, and RASTA members felt the contract got very specific. Guy Hansen explained that the existing signage is not 6x6 white/brown signs as specified in the contract. Bilogan responded that the contract refers to universal logo signs for skier, snowshoe, etc. and that RASTA's custom signs are also acceptable. Rich Reidinger confirmed that RASTA has accepted the budget as written. Van Raalte moved to amend the 2018 budget title to Trail Maintenance Budget and strike out the word Ski. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried. Mott pointed out a typo on page 3. After discussion, Pence moved to approve the contract. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Camp 6/Bowman ATV Trail Contract:

A change order was sent to the contractor to haul and spread additional fill & gravel. Warm, wet weather was the reason for the first change order, which was to extend completion date. The project is complete and Bilogan will bring the change order to the committee at the February meeting.

Burrows Lake ATV Bridges:

The contract was sent to the contractor but they have not responded. The onsite engineering estimate from MSA was \$10,000. Bilogan feels that is on the low side, since there are 80 piles to be monitored. Since there is no grant money for this rebuild, the money will come from Parks Capital Improvement. Bilogan was directed to get a contract together, with \$10,000 as a cap. Any increased expense will have to be approved by the committee.

OCFD ATV Trail Crossing Contract:

A change order to eliminate wear deck was sent to Janke. The club will provide the wear deck, saving the county \$20,000.

Rates for gravel and pitrun

Staff did a survey of local providers, and the average was .75 cents. Pence moved to raise our rate from .65 to .75, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried. New pricing will be for new contracts only.

Approve travel to Minocqua, Jan 24, 2018 for WCA meeting: Mining 101 Seminar Van Raalte moved, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried

Joint Meeting with Planning & Development Committee to discuss how to address mining issues at 1:00 p.m. January 31, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Felbab asked about the bridge piles. Bilogan said they are steel H piles and will be pounded in. Hansen congratulated the committee on success moving forward with the Haug/Houle purchase.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. – None presented

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Backes Encroachment
- Almon Park dedication ideas

Van Raalte moved to convene in Closed Session at 4:20 p.m. for the following purposes: Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Mott seconded. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried. Topic: 1. Establishment of Forestry Director’s goals for 2018 and discuss 2017 Performance Evaluation. 2. Approve minutes of closed sessions October 4 and November 8, 2017.

Unanimous roll call vote to return to open session. Chair Sorensen announced the committee accepted the Forest Director’s goals for 2018 and recommended the 2017 evaluation be forwarded to the Dept. Head Approval Committee. Minutes of October 4 and November closed sessions approved.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Pence seconded by Van Raalte to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY