

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: February 7, 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.

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 Zunker 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 Mott, seconded by Pence, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2018 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$193,956.25
- b) Bob Smith Logging has requested cancellation of contracts #1589 and #1590. Both contracts have been extended multiple times. He feels that he cannot complete the jobs because of the markets, especially hardwood. Department recommendation is to follow the established cancellation policy; Van Raalte moved to accept the Department recommendation, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried,
- c) New Page Corp: Contract 1621 Invoice write off. This debt was incurred during their bankruptcy several years ago. Corp counsel agreed that we are not going to be paid. Van Raalte moved to write off the invoice for \$544.63, Pence seconded. Sorensen aye, Zunker aye, Mott no. Motion passed 4-1.

Oneida County procedure for awarding employee performance bonus. No action taken.

Contract for rebuilding the Burrows Lake ATV Bridges. No action taken, info only, as Pitz has not returned the signed contract.

Silent Sports Trails

- a) Trail pass fees have remained static since 2006. Bilogan proposed raising the annual fee to \$25 and leave the daily at \$5, beginning in 2019. Pence moved to raise the fee as requested, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- b) RASTA has requested a quantify of free trail passes to disseminate among their working volunteer members. Pence moved to approve 12 free passes, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Proposed development of a new gravel pit located in Sec. 24 or 25, T36N – R6E, located in the Town of Nokomis. A new ATV trail is proposed for that section, and Bilogan felt that would be a viable spot. Although it would not be economically sound for department use only, the pit would give the towns of Nokomis and Woodboro an option to obtain gravel at reduced rates for the new ATV trail and for their town roads. Mott moved to looking into the viability of having a gravel pit in that area. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Review & award bids for purchase of the following equipment:

- a) One new Utility Terrain Vehicle – One bid from Hodag Honda for \$4048. Sorensen recused himself. Zunker moved to accept the bid, Mott seconded. Sorensen abstained, Zunker, Van Raalte, Mott, Pence aye, motion carried.
- b) One new aluminum trailer. Low bid was Sportmans Service Center for \$14,292. Van Raalte moved to accept, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Dedication signs for Almon Park and Zimmer Road. Bilogan provided a mockup of the proposed signs. Suggestions were made for changes. Bilogan will bring back final copies and prices to the next meeting.

Van Raalte moved to approve staff and committee members attendance at US Geological Survey Tribal Mining Workshop on February 14-15 in Keshena, WI. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Backes Encroachment update. Bilogan does not yet have survey. No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— none

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PO'S AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers which totaled \$339,369.56 (including severance) were presented to the committee, along with a list of blanket PO vendors and line-item transfers for 2017 close out. Van Raalte moved to approve payment, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Impact of mill slowdowns and hardwood futures.
Oneida County procedure for awarding employee performance bonus.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Van Raalte seconded by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY