

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 8, 2017 **TIME:** 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: 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 4:30 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.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$492,900.17
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—Mott moved to approve closing the contracts and returning deposits as follows: New Page 1573, 1578, 1619, 1631 and Bushor Logging 1632. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) Van Raalte moved to extend the contract 1545 for Wayne Wagler with no increase in stumpage. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- d) Mott moved to approve a direct timber sale contract for a 2-acre sale, location T36N R7E, Sec. 17, NW1/4 SW1/4. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- e) Update on Sugar Bush Road weight limits. The town has placed limits of 15 tons year round. The town chairman stated that they may consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Bilogan and Fiene are concerned about future sale prices being reduced due to extended travel to get out of the forest, as well as safety issues.

Zunker moved to enter closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), 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. Topic 1: Burrows Lake Bridges, Topic 2: Encroachment onto County Forest Land, NE1/4 of the SE1/4, Sec. 36, T37N-R07E, Town of Cassian.

Approve minutes of the closed session on February 1, 2017.

Pence seconded. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried. Entered closed session at 4:50 p.m.

Roll call vote to return to open session at 5:15 p.m. All aye, motion carried. In closed session action was taken on strategy re possibility of litigation on both topics. Return to open session.

Resolution to acquire a 3.5-acre parcel, WB172-2, located in the Town of Woodboro. This parcel will allow the Oneida County Forestry Department to put in a permanent haul road, to improve access for loggers to haul out of the Washburn Silent Springs area sales. Van Raalte moved to send the resolution forward to the County Board. Zunker seconded. Guy Hanson said that RASTA was supportive of the road as long as it was thoroughly gated to prevent unauthorized entry. Bilogan noted that the Land Acquisition Account will run a deficit until the fund is reimbursed for the cost of the encroachment survey. All aye, motion carried.

Bilogan prepared a Sustainable Forestry Grant Proposal to apply for a \$36,000 grant for the development of a permanent haul road through the Washburn Silent Trails Area, located in the Town of Woodboro, Sec. 1 & 12, T36N-R7E mentioned previously. Zunker moved to approve moving forward with the application, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Possible acquisition of a 108.43-acre parcel of land surrounding Gillette Lake, located in the Town of Enterprise (Pt. of Govt. Lots 1,2,3,4 & SWNE, Sec 19, T35N-R9E). Bilogan reported that the access issue that concerned the committee had been addressed, however he feels that the 12-foot easement issued would not be adequate to allow Oneida County to use the road into the parcel as a haul road or to allow public access to the lake. There was talk of a point south that may offer viable access. Sorensen directed Bilogan to talk with the nearest owners about the possibility of vacating the current access and gaining a southern easement.

Rezoning request that involves a parcel of County Forest Land located in the Town of Cassian: That portion of CA 862 located east of Clear Lk. Rd., NE1/4 of the NW1/4, Sec 24, T37N-R7E. The landowners to the south requested a rezone of their outlot from District 1A Forest to District 2 Single Family. Karl Jennrich suggested a small piece of County Forest attached be rezoned along with it to streamline the process using the description of CSM 4371. This will not prohibit harvesting timber or building public boat landing in the future. Sorensen moved to keep the County Forest separate and zoned as 1A. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Solicitation method for Professional Engineering Services (Quality Based Selection - **QBS** vs. Request for Proposals - **RFP**). MSA requested that Oneida County consider the QBS method to solicit future projects' engineering plans. QBS is more streamlined, but is more subjective. After discussion, Mott moved to approve the QBS method. Zunker seconded. Roll call vote. Sorensen abstained, all others aye, motion carried.

Request submitted by Headwaters Christian Youth Inc. for the use of the disc golf course at Almon Park for a fundraiser. The course would remain open for the general public. They requested the pavilion be donated. Sorensen moved to approve, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

2017 APHIS Contract to provide beaver and nuisance bear control. The price increased substantially this year to \$3320 from \$2240. Since the DNR will not allow Wildlife Habitat funds to pay the entire cost, the department will need to come up with approximately \$3000. The committee discussed alternatives, including private contractors. Sorensen felt it was too late to change this year, but wants to look at future options. Van Raalte moved to accept the contract, Pence seconded. Sorensen aye, Zunker aye, Mott nay. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Update on mill tax.
Spring timber sale.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers which totaled \$45,176.88 and LIT for \$23,281.00 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to approve, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Sorensen. seconded by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY