

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: April 4, 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 Pence to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

Update on Oneida County Contractor's Equipment Insurance, and other possible insurance company options (Tracy Hartman). Hartman researched and found that in April, 2010 a suggestion was made to the Finance Committee by the county clerk, to pay premiums for snowmobile clubs from tourism. Finance tabled the issue and asked for recommendations from the Forestry/Tourism committee. A letter was sent to the clubs in May 2010 stating they no longer had to pay premiums, however it never was never addressed after the April 2010 meeting. Sorensen moved to continue the status quo, with the County paying the premium, and each club responsible for any deductibles. Van Raalte seconded. Mott asked whether this is available to ATV clubs as well. Bilogan responded that the ATV clubs were offered the opportunity, but were not interested, as most of their equipment is personally-owned. RASTA rejected the option as well. All aye, motion carried

Approve & sign Affidavit for West Soo Lake Road, located in the Town of Cassian. Bilogan reminded the committee that this resulted from the Backes encroachment survey. The survey corrected the reported length of West Soo Lake Road, and Forestry Department required a new affidavit. This will insure the property owners will always have access to the Town Road with no gaps. Van Raalte moved to sign and approve the affidavit, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Mott seconded by Van Raalte to approve the minutes of the March 7, 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 \$615,754.39

Contract to rebuild Burrows Lake ATV Bridges located in SENE, Sec. 10, T36NR5E. Bilogan stated that there is no progress. Emails have been back and forth, but still have no contract. The permits are valid until June 30 and contract needs to be completed by then. The contractor did request to move equipment onto the site, but without a contract, that request was denied by the County. Van Raalte and Mott asked what alternatives are there to this ongoing delay. Bilogan said that would entail hiring a new contractor, billing Pitz for the costs, and very likely end up in court.

Progress update and Change order for Janke ATV/UTV trail development. Bilogan reports that the contractor worked through the winter, and two culverts are installed and the piling has been driven for

the first bridge. The change order was \$6,069.44 for additional gravel/fill. Mott moved to approve, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried

Town of Crescent future management plan for Town Line Park Road and the impact of said plan on the proposed withdrawal & sale of a portion of Town Line Park's existing acreage. In September 2017, the town board agreed to continue to maintain the road so a purchaser will have access. At the meeting in March 2018, the town decided to abandon the road and not maintain it. Bilogan discussed two options: A) Sell the strip of land under the road with the lot and allow an easement for the public boat landing. B) Another town road that the town wants to keep would allow access from the north, once it was developed. This would give a buyer more privacy. Sorensen felt Option A was better, as it the existing road is already developed. Van Raalte moved that the County Forest retain ownership of the existing road. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Approve RASTA contracts associated with 2 Recreational Trail Project (RTP) Grants that are sponsored by Oneida County. The Forestry Department applied for these grants on behalf of RASTA, who will do all the work and be responsible for the financial commitment. Guy Hansen from RASTA explained the projects and verified that RASTA will accept responsibility. Mott moved to approve the two grant applications and associated contracts. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Grant applications for 2018-2019 (ATV/UTV & Snowmobile) trail maintenance, rehabilitation, and development funds. Pence moved to approve the applications as presented. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Bowman Road Grouse Management Area. Bilogan outlined a grouse habitat project using approximately 1200 acres in the Enterprise block. The project would allow early harvesting in a checkerboard pattern to provide habitats and to prevent a 1200 acres clear cut down the road. Sorensen moved to approve the project. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

DNR Recreation Opportunity Analysis. Draft chapters are available for public review/comments. This item is for information only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— none

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PO'S AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers which totaled \$204,258.23 were presented to the committee, which includes the first payment to Janke Construction for the Enterprise ATV trail. Pence moved to approve payment, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried


AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Burrows Bridge rebuild.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Zunker, seconded by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.



JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR



JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY