

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: July 11, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, Van Raalte, Almekinder
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 Mott seconded by Van Raalte 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 Mott to approve the minutes of the June 6, 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 \$ 762,329.90
- b) County Forest Certification Audit for both SFI & NFC is August 6-9, 2018.

On July 30, 2018, the Forestry, Land, & Recreation Committee will participate in a tour of the Lynne mineral deposit site and then travel to Ladysmith for a tour of the Flambeau mine site. The county van is available. Van Raalte asked why tour Flambeau because it is not analogous to Lynne. Ladysmith is farmland versus wetland and did not have transportation issues that Lynne does. Sorensen responded that although that is true, he would like to get information about the impact to the city and people. Sorensen moved to allow per diem & mileage for committee members who wish to attend. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

There was discussion about a possible tour of a mine in the Upper Peninsula. Possible dates are in late September or early October. No action was taken.

Change order #3 for the Janke contract for ATV Trail project was presented for signature. It had previously been approved, but the form needed a new date and this was done.

Progress report on Oneida Co. 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan. Fred Heider, NWRPC, sent questionnaires to the towns with a deadline of July 27. They have had several months to respond, but he has only received 7 responses to date. He provided a draft of several county recommendations, based on the survey responses from citizens. He asked the committee to think about them over the next month, and also provide a list of potential Stewardship projects for the next 5 years. When he has the draft plan completed, he will bring it to the committee for approval. There will be public meetings for the public to offer suggestions, in September or October. The DNR would like the final plan by January 1.

Contract for the rebuilding of the Burrows Lake ATV Bridges, located in the Town of Little Rice (SENE, Sec. 10, T36N-R5E) is now signed. The contractor wants to submit a change in plan for the rebuild. He said he wants to get it done this summer. The original plan required the bog was frozen. His new plan is to use helical piles and would be far less invasive. Bilogan was directed by the committee to tell the contractor a new plan must be submitted quickly to allow time for MSA to approve before the next Committee meeting.

Zimmer sign dedication was rescheduled for July 17 at 1:30 p.m. Sorensen moved to approved mileage and per diem. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Les Felbab asked if there will be “Welcome to Oneida County” signs erected. He was informed that no signs may be erected on the County Forest, so the issue is tabled.

Guy Hansen asked the status of the Gillette-Wickham Stewardship grant. It will be submitted after the end of the state fiscal year, which ends June 30. He also asked if there had been any further consideration of RASTA’s request to create 3 primitive campsites on the Washburn Silent Trail system. (The topic was added to the next meeting agenda.)

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers which totaled \$ 44,090.09 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to approve payment, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried

FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS:

July 30, 2018 Committee will meet and tour the Lynne and Ladysmith mine sites.

August 1, 2018. Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Committee Room #2.

- Washburn primitive campsites.
- Possible tour of UP mine in late fall

August 15, 2018. Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. to discuss budget for 2019.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Pence seconded by Mott to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY