

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** August 1, 2018

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, Van Raalte, Almekinder  
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley. Corp. Counsel: Brian Desmond  
DNR Liaison: Manny Oradei

**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 Pence seconded by Almekinder to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—  
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$897,117.55, a record high.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE FALL WCFA MEETING** – Bilogan asked for approval to attend the meeting. Pence moved to approve staff attendance and per diem/mileage for any committee members who wish to attend. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried. The correct dates of the meeting are September 27 and 28.

**CATERING FOR CERTIFICATION AUDIT**—The FSC certification audit is scheduled for August 8. Bilogan requested approval to provide lunch for the group out at Perch Lake Park. Mott moved to approve, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**EAGLE MINE TOUR UPDATE** – Bilogan contacted Matt Johnson from the Eagle Mine. The tour is free for the public. The company bus picks up tour visitors in Marquette and visits both the mill site and the nickel mine. If 8 people or less attend, there is a possibility they could take the tour underground. Bilogan recommends traveling to Marquette, stay overnight and start the tour at 8:00 a.m. the following day. As this is a publicly noticed meeting, anyone who comes would be accommodated. Desmond stated that the Administration committee must approve out of state travel for staff, and County Board for the supervisors' lodging. He said it should be acceptable to request approval before there is a firm date. Mott moved to send the request to Admin, Almekinder seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF LYNNE AND LADYSMITH TOURS.** Sorensen distributed an information packet from Dee Allen of the LDF tribe regarding mining. The consensus on the Lynne site was that there is more to see, and particularly when the leaves are gone.

The committee members agreed that the Ladysmith tour was educational. Van Raalte commented that it should have driven home the differences between the two sites. The Lynne

site has no infrastructure within 10 miles, unlike the Flambeau site. Sorensen said the reclamation was impressive. He added that Al Christianson was very knowledgeable and gave a great presentation. There was discussion about the amount of money earned from the Flambeau mine. Van Raalte brought data showing that the population of Rusk County was not affected by the mine. Oneida County showed a larger increase in population during that same time.

CONTRACT FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE BURROWS LAKE ATV BRIDGES, located in the Town of Little Rice (SENE, Sec. 10, T36N-R5E). Erich Pitz, the contractor, attended the meeting and provided information packets along with MSA's response to the new information. The contract has expired but Bilogan was previously directed to extend it up until December 31, 2018. Pitz explained the equipment he will use and the method of installing the helical piles. The equipment can go down the trail and onto the bridge, and will not interface with the bogs. Pitz stated the project would be done before freeze up. Mike Mueller from Atlas Foundation Co also attended the meeting. They are the manufacturers of the helical piles. The company has a great deal of experience with this type of reconstruction. He offered to be onsite if requested. Desmond added that if Bowman from MSA approves the new specs, that is sufficient to complete a revised contract. Pence moved to go forward with the contract with Bowman's approval. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP Land Acquisition grant for Gillette-Wickham purchase amendment was submitted to the DNR in May. DNR contacted Bilogan to say that the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) was questioning every grant application, because it was the end of the biennium. DNR recommended Oneida County hold submission of the application until the new fiscal year. In July Bilogan received information from the DNR that the JFC was objecting to unproductive match lands. DNR felt that two of Oneida County's match parcels could be objected to by JFC. Mott asked whether there were two match parcels that would fit better. Bilogan responded that all possible parcels were included. Van Raalte stated that if the parcels were pulled, that would increase the acquisition cost by \$32,500. Mott moved to direct the DNR to submit the application to the JFC as originally prepared. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

ENCROACHMENT/WITHDRAWAL/ACCESS REQUEST. Brandelwood LLC (aka Maria Lisa & John Bilogan) brought an encroachment and access issue located in T35N R9E Sec. 6, Govt. Lot 1, to the attention of the Forestry Committee. In the proposal Brandelwood LLC would give Oneida County 3.40 acres of land located in (T35N-R9E Sec.6 Gov't 2), with an appraised value of \$6,630.00. In return, Brandelwood LLC would receive a 1.29-acre parcel of land together with a permanent easement across a 171.90-ft. segment of existing asphalt road, located in T35N R9E Sec. 6, Govt. Lot 1 with a combined appraised value of \$6,538.00. The proposal, if approved, would resolve an existing encroachment issue and provide Brandelwood LLC with ingress and egress to their land-locked parcel of land. Oradei, the DNR Forest Liaison for Oneida County raised several issues pertaining to the proposal. He indicated if the proposal goes to the DNR in its current format, it would likely be rejected or requested to be re-submitted in a different format. Oradei noted the DNR does not like cutting up parcels; he suggested they would consider the proposal if the entire parcel from the road to the shoreline is included. The Corporation Counsel for Oneida County indicated that they did not have sufficient time to review the proposal. Mott moved to table the issue until more information was gathered, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

CHAIRMAN TRAVEL TO WOODRUFF ATV TRAIL STAKEHOLDERS MEETING. Sorensen moved to approve mileage and per diem for the August 3, 2018 meeting. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS—**

Tom Jerow – Thanks to the committee for the tours, they were well done. It was appreciated to be able to interact with County Board members and people who conducted the tours. And referring back to Stream C, it does contain fish and there is impact from that ditch you saw.

Les Felbab appreciated the sign honoring Werner Zimmer.

Ralph Larson asked if it feasible to put a flagpole out at Veterans Memorial Forest. He also had a picture of a RHINELANDER sign and asked if anyone knew where it was.

**VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**

Vouchers which totaled \$ 6,544.99 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to approve payment, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Flagpole at Memorial Forest

Encroachment/Withdrawal/Access Request (T35n R9e Sec. 6, Govt. Lot 1)

Michigan Eagle Mine tour

**ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Mott to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.**

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY