

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: August 15, 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, Bradley, Tischendorf.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 9:00 a.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—Chair announced item 9 Encroachment, etc. request was withdrawn from the agenda. It was moved by Van Raalte seconded by Mott to approve the amended agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

Introduction of new account technician to the committee.

Mott moved to present a resolution to the county board to approve lodging and per diem for out of state travel for an educational tour of the Eagle Mine in Michigan. Seconded by Van Raalte. Staff approval goes through the Admin Committee. All aye. Motion carried.

There was a request to raise a flagpole at the Memorial Forest entrance. Item to be addressed on a future agenda.

Bilogan announced a donation had been received in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Werner Zimmer.

Received two bids for the final phase of the ATV/UTV Trail Development Contract. Both bids were significantly over budget. There was discussion that they could re-tool the bid to reduce costs. Suggestion to approach the Capital Improvement Committee for the additional \$50,000 before making changes to the specs.

2019 FORESTRY BUDGET

The committee went through Forestry Department budget. Discussion on stumpage income fluctuation so Van Raalte moved to reduce the stumpage projections by \$100,000.

Almekinder seconded. All aye. Motion carried. Mott moved to add \$5,000 to the Mining account for educational expenses. Pence seconded.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers totalling \$ 7,321.74 were presented to the committee. Line item transfer to cover four-week training overlap of new technician. Van Raalte moved to approve payment and transfer, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Flag pole at Memorial Forest

RASTA Camping

ATV/UTV Trail Development Costs

PUBLIC COMMENTS— County Board Supervisor Schreier supported due diligence to be informed about mining issues. Mott noted the NRDA offered to cover costs for the mining excursion, but declined as did not want to appear influenced.

Comment was made inquiring why new ATV trails are being developed when there are already logging roads that could be utilized. Additional comment stating the overage for the new trail could be funded by the ATV taxes versus local taxes.

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

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY