

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: September 5, 2018

TIME: 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf.

OTHERS: Tom Wiensch, Guy Hansen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting has 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

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of the July 30th, August 1st, and August 15th FLR Committee meetings with a correction request by Mott to remove "and Mrs. Murphy" from the minutes of July 30th. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—

Bilogan reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$1,186,724

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Bilogan provided highlights from department's 2017 annual report. The department sold an all-time record high of \$1.922 million dollars of timber stumpage in 2017. Department revenue exceeded expenses by approximately \$549,000. Mott questioned revenue and expense numbers and Bilogan provided clarification referring to revenue in excess of budgeted revenue. The department had zero Worker's Compensation claims in 2017. The department met its allowable cut goal of 1,800 acres. Mott questioned the decline in projected harvest for 2019 and Bilogan explained that this number is dependent on how much is sold and when the contractors decide to harvest the timber. Most contracts extend over two-three years and timber can be harvested throughout the contract. Motion by VanRaalte to forward the 2017 Annual Report to the Oneida County Board. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

2019 BUDGET COMMITTEE CHECKLIST

Finance provided departments with new forms to provide input that may be used in preparation of future budgets. Supplemental Information Form provided a potential cost savings regarding current mowing operations by the county. Committee agreed Bilogan can look into other options (contracted mowing or purchasing a lawn mower and additional LTE hours). Motion by Pence to approve 2019 Budget Checklist. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR ATV/UTV ENTERPRISE TRAIL EXPANSION PROJECT

Committee agreed the resolution to request monies from the General Fund was no longer necessary as the Off Road Vehicle Council approved additional grant funds of \$67,000 to cover the over budget amount of the bids received.

ENTERPRISE ATV/UTV TRAIL EXPANSION CONTRACT

Received bids from QSP Utility, LLC for \$141,670.00 and Musson Brothers, Inc. for \$153,412.50. Amended motion by VanRaalte to award the contract for QSP Utility and provide approval for signatures. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR REBUILDING BURROWS LAKE ATV BRIDGES IN THE TOWN OF LITTLE RICE

Tom Wiensch, Corporate Counsel discussed statute of limitation concerns with original contract. Motion by VanRaalte to accept Counsel's recommendation to initiate a lawsuit before statute of limitation expires. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Pence to authorize signatures of new contract for rebuilding Burrows Lake bridges. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

EAGLE MINE TOUR

Bilogan proposed October 9th to tour the Eagle Mine in Marquette, MI. The group would leave early afternoon on October 8th. Committee agreed this date will work and requested this information be sent to the Oneida County Board Supervisors informing them of the date and requesting their response within a week so lodging reservations/travel arrangements can be made.

RASTA PRIMITIVE CAMPSITES

Guy Hansen of RASTA provided information regarding the proposal from last year to allow three primitive campsites within the Washburn Lake Silent Trails area. Discussion and questions brought forth. Bilogan and Hansen will provide additional information for a later meeting.

WCFA ANNUAL MEETING

The Wisconsin County Forests Association meeting is scheduled for September 28th in Hayward. Need to confirm attendees so registration and lodging reservations can be completed. Sorensen and VanRaalte are planning to attend, Mott is probable. Motion by VanRaalte to approve committee attendance and reimbursement. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK FLAGPOLE

Bilogan provided updated information regarding the request to install a flagpole at the entrance to Veteran's Memorial Park. A solar light can be purchased to eliminate the need to raise and lower the flag daily; however, the concern remains regarding the responsibility of the flag for half-staff accommodations. Committee consensus to move forward with the installation of the flagpole.

2018/2019 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the snowmobile trail maintenance contracts. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

FLR COMMITTEE ATTENDING ONEIDA COUNTY UW-EXT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. MEETINGS

Moved by Mott to approve appointed members Sorensen & Almekinder of the FLR Committee to attend meetings sponsored by the Oneida County UW-Ext & Economic Development Corp. related to mining education and receive mileage and per diem. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Inquiry as to whether a board member lives in the area of Veterans Memorial Park to help maintain flag etiquette (half-staff).

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$ 145,830.03 were presented to the committee in addition to a line item transfer to move \$4,000 from Forestry Painting Account to the Professional Services Account to cover expenses for a boundary survey in the town of Little Rice. VanRaalte moved to approve payment and transfer, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Meeting time for October 3rd meeting is moved to 4:00 pm
- RASTA primitive campsite updates

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, motion made by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY