

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: October 4, 2017

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.

OTHERS: Brian Desmond, Les Felbab, Guy Hansen

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 Zunker 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 Zunker to approve the minutes of the September 6 and September 28 FLR Committee meetings. Sorensen abstained. All others aye, motion carried .

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$1,1124.021.60
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—#1668 Wiitala & Vozka, #1674 Roberts Logging, and #1693 Wiitala & Vozka were presented as satisfactorily completed. Mott moved to close contracts and return deposits when paid in full. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) Ordinance amendment – logging access permits. Van Raalte made a motion to present a resolution to the Admin Committee and then County Board, allowing the Forestry Director to authorize logging access permits. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried
- d) Timber Valley, LLC. requested to amend a Temporary Access Permit across the NWNW & NENW, Sec. 10, T36N-R7E, for timber harvesting purposes. Van Raalte moved to extend the permit for one year. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- e) Resolution to amend the OC Forest 15-Year Plan. Fiene presented the amendments to the Plan. In general, the edits are simply updates needed because of entry into the FSC Certification. Amendments were publicly posted for one month, but no comments were received. Van Raalte moved to send the resolution to County Board. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- f) New single track trail located at the Washburn Lake Silent Sport Trail Area. Foresters are setting up the second phase of timber sales. Bilogan stated that things are going smoothly with timber sales, but he strongly suggested that no new trails be created in the foreseeable future. Hansen noted RASTA has no plans for new trails.

Van Raalte made a motion and Pence seconded to convene in Closed Session for the following purposes:

- a. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Topic: discuss & formulate offers to purchase approximately 231 acres of privately owned land surrounding Gillette & Wickham Lake, located in the N1/2 of Section 19, T35N-R9E, Town of Enterprise; (Tax Parcel #'s: EN 289, EN 290, EN 290-1, EN 291, EN 291-1, EN 292, EN 293, EN 294, EN 294-1, EN 295, & EN 295-1).

- b. Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Topic: ATV trail work bids from 9/28/17.

- c. Approve minutes of the closed session on September 6, 2017.

Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried to convene in closed session at 4:00 p.m..

A unanimous roll call vote was taken to return to open session at 4:20 p.m. Minutes of 9/6/17 were approved. No other action was taken during the closed session.

Town Line Park update. Bilogan showed a map with the land divided into four lots for the survey. Only 8.4 acres need to have federal recreation encumbrances removed, which may be a lengthy process. All the acres would need to be submitted to DNR for removal from the County Forest Law program.

- a. The Town of Crescent has agreed to maintain Town Line Park Road.
- b. Review appraisal report. The appraisal of the parcels to be removed came in at \$143,000. The committee directed Bilogan to proceed with surveys.
- c. Bilogan was directed to begin the process to remove the recreation encumbrances. Land Information Office wants to have the 1.7 acre strip of highway right of way surveyed at the same time. Sorensen felt the two surveys should be kept separate, but left the decision up to the department heads. Bilogan also added that the survey will be done with 2018 budget. Sorensen moved to have staff proceed to have surveys complete on Town Line Lake parcels. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried

2016 Annual Report. Sorensen moved to have the report ready to present to the County Board at the November meeting. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Discuss and possibly act on the reinstatement of a funding mechanism into the County Forest Land Purchase Account. This would be useful when time is of the essence and would prevent going to the general fund when appropriate parcels become available. The committee agreed to send a resolution to the Admin Committee in January or February to begin putting 10% of net stumpage revenue into the Land Purchase Account. The deposits to the account would be capped at \$100,000.

Amendment to Vertical Bridge cell tower contract. Vertical Bridge has sublet a portion of the cell tower which will bring in an additional \$25/month to the County. Zunker moved to accept the amendment, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried

Other Business

- Forestry will keep the current snowmobile and buy another one outright to allow Rady to train Renik. The plan is to sell the old snowmobile next year. Van Raalte moved to approve bid specifications for a new inspection snowmobile & double snowmobile trailer. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- Willow Region Sportsman's Snowmobile Club requested permission to relocate trail gates due to a trail being relocated. Van Raalte moved to approve, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- Van Raalte moved to approve a lease rate of \$76.05/hour for JD6105D, equipped with a 60-inch rotary disc mower, & a hydraulic side arm for the mowing attachment. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- List of potential dedication suggestions were discussed. The new purchase may be a possibility, and Bilogan will bring other suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— None

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers which totaled \$33,864.83 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to authorize payment, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Meeting Date for November is delayed one week to Nov. 8, 2017
- Award Timber Sale Contracts
- Snowmobile Bid Opening
- Burrows Bridge Rebuild Contract
- Possible Sign for Zimmer Road
- Timber Bridge Sale/Lease

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Pence, seconded by Van Raalte to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY