

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: October 5, 2016

TIME: 4:00 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: Gail Winnie, Town of Cassian;

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 4:00 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 Van Raalte seconded by Zunker to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2016 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 \$878,524.
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—Two contracts are completed and ready to close. Fink Forest Products #1623 and Wes Bushor Logging #1637. Van Raalte moved to close both and return deposits. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

Pence moved to go into closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Topic: Burrows Lake Bridges Zunker seconded. Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried.

Return to open session. A motion was made and approved unanimously to have the repair engineering plans reviewed by MSA for a second opinion on the plans' feasibility for success.

MISC. LAND PROJECTS

- a. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship land acquisition reimbursement claim (SWSE, Sec. 5 and NWE, Sec. 8, T35N R9E) has been submitted and \$136,091.98 has been received.
- b. Addition of 161.64 acres of new County Forest land (SESW, SWSE, Sec. 5 & NENW, NWE, Sec. 8, T35N R9E). The Hanson purchase was submitted to the DNR for entry into County Forest Law along with the matching parcels.
- c. Gillette Lake parcel (pt GL1, GL2, pt GL3, pt GL4; pt SWNE, Sec. 19, T35N R9E). No new information to report, still pending resolving the access issue.
- d. Woodboro land sale inquiry (Parcel A, NWSW, Sec. 12, T36N R7E). Sorensen moved to get a state appraisal to use with a Knowles-Nelson application. Zunker seconded, All aye, motion carried.

TOWN OF CASSIAN AFFIDAVIT REQUEST – W. SOO LAKE RD, (SEC. 36, T37N-R7E)

In order to have W Soo Lake Road reinserted into the records as a town road, the town asked the committee, as the owners of the adjacent land, to sign an affidavit stating that they are aware that W Soo Lake Rd is a public town road in the Town of Cassian.

STAFFING UPDATE

- a. Forestry Tech overlap training. LRES approved transferring the unused LTE funds to pay for approximately 25 working days of training. The position is being advertised as soon as possible with a start date of November 28. The current Forestry tech's last day is 12/30/2016.
- b. Forester 1 position. The resolution approving the new position will be presented at the October County Board.

FSC RESOLUTION

The resolution to approve the Oneida County Forest become FSC certified was presented. Van Raalte wanted to add language to clarify that the paper mills have requested this new certification. Mott moved to amend the resolution to include that language. Zunker seconded. There was discussion about exact language to include. Resolution was edited and provided to committee to sign. All aye, motion carried.

DUMPING COMPLAINT - S. Alva Rd. (NWNE, Sec 15, T37N-R7E). The department received an anonymous complaint about piles of lawn debris dumped on the County Forest near S. Alva Road. There was discussion about solutions such as blocking access, signs etc. The committee asked Bilogan to send a letter to local residents reminding them that it is illegal to dump any type of refuse on the County Forest, particularly due to possible invasive species.

TURCOTT ROAD REHABILITATION UPDATE – Michelle DeBrock-Owens, Environmental Enforcement Specialist for the DNR appeared at the meeting. The Town of Lynne received a notice of violation in regards to alleged violations of stormwater, wetlands and other water violations when they put gravel down on Turcott Road. The town moved ahead with gravel and road repairs but did not get proper permits from the DNR before the work was done. They thought they just needed to obtain culvert permits. The DNR is trying to determine what wetlands need to be restored, culverts replaced, etc The Town has hired a wetland delineator to look at the area and make a report. They will also hire an engineering consulting firm to determine the original footprint of the road and obtain proper permits.

WILDLIFE HABITAT ACCOUNT AND PROJECTS No Action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Mott said the Lumberjack RC&D is looking for private landowners who would be qualified to be Forest Stewards nominees, based on their management of timber on their property.

Sorensen announced he was appointed to the WCFA Board of Directors.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers which totaled \$79,526.55 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to authorize payment, Zunker seconded. A line item transfer was approved to move \$5500 from Forestry LTE wages to Forestry permanent wages to pay for the training period of the new Forestry technician. All aye, motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Encroachment issues

Review fee schedule

Wildlife Habitat Accounts and Projects

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Mott seconded by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY