

## FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Date:** December 7, 2016

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**Present:** Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, Van Raalte, Zunker  
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

**Others:** Manny Oradei, DNR; Brian Desmond, Corp Counsel

**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 October 5, 2016 and November 2, 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 \$1,096,068.67 and that the weather conditions are supposed to get cold, which should help.
- b) Timber Sales For Disposition—None
- c) Bid Opening for Re-advertised Tracts. No bids were received on Tract 9-16. Roberts Logging was the high bidder on tract 15-16. Van Raalte moved to award the contract to Roberts Logging, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Pence moved to convene in Closed Session for two purposes:

1. Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(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
2. 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: Possible acquisition of 3.5 acre parcel, WB172-2.

Mott seconded. Roll call vote. All aye, motion carried to enter closed session..

Return to open session at 4:35 p.m. by roll call vote; All aye, motion carried.

Bilogan presented the 2017 Forestry Department's annual work plan and resolution. This is a DNR requirement. Van Raalte moved to accept the report as presented and forward to the County Board for approval, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried for consent agenda, motion carried.

Bilogan presented the Forestry Department's Long Range plan and 2016 accomplishments reports. Van Raalte moved to accept the reports as presented, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Rhineland Area Silent Trails Assoc. (RASTA) 2017 Contract. There are no changes from last year's contract and RASTA President has seen it and approved the contents. Van Raalte suggested that volunteers be added to the indemnification paragraph for 2018.

Bilogan asked the committee what they wished to do with the balance remaining in the lapsing accounts at the end of the year. RASTA wants the balance to be moved to the non-lapsing trail development fund. Mott moved to move the unspent balance as requested. Pence seconded. Bilogan will get the final figures and amend the contract to reflect correct balance. All aye, motion to move the unspent balance carried. Pence moved to approve the contract, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

RASTA Request for Oneida County to sponsor RTA development grant for proposed trail improvements. Bilogan stated that they have three projects and he feels they should be three different grant applications: 1) Extension of the Cassian boardwalk, 2) Reroute snowshoe, ski & bike trails to bypass wetlands, and 3) A skills area located near the existing shelter for youth to learn mountain biking. He would like much more detail and cost figures for these projects, and suggested they apply for two projects, leaving the third for next year.

Mott moved in concept to support the grants as described and that RASTA get the details to Bilogan by the February meeting. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion pertaining to the naming of County Forest infrastructure and/or facilities. Information only, no motion made.

Bilogan provided a draft of a letter to State government officials requesting reinstatement of County Forest Administration Grant. Mott suggested to clarify the amount per county. Van Raalte moved to approve, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

#### **Public Comments—**

Les Felbab felt that the bridge issues are a result of the specs not being detailed enough to prevent ice-related heaving.

Mott asked what the status is on Turcott Road. Oradei offered DNR assistance to the Town of Lynne.

Van Raalte asked that future committee meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. The committee agreed and future meetings will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Oradei noted that timber sales establishments are going well.

#### **Vouchers And Line Item Transfers.**

Vouchers were presented to the committee along with a line item transfer sheet to begin end of year balancing of accounts. Van Raalte moved to approve, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

#### **Agenda Items For Future Forestry Committee Meetings:**

South Turcott Road discussion

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

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY