

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: December 5, 2012
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Committee Room 2, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Sorenson; Committee Members: Martinson, Rudolph, Shidell.
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley. Corp Counsel, Brian Desmond.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 9:00 a.m. Vice-Chair Sorenson 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 Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2012 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 Forestry Committee meeting. All aye, Shidell abstained.. Motion carried.

REVIEW MINING RESOLUTION 87-2012—There was discussion whether resolution 59-2012, ending mining exploration activities, applied to all mining in Oneida County or just the Lynne deposit. Desmond summarized that the County Board sent resolution 87-2012 to the committee for a recommendation, and it will return to the County Board for a vote with or without the Forestry committee's recommendation. Bilogan noted that the mining impact account is zeroed; all finds remaining were transferred back to the Mineral Resources account. Martinson moved to recommend to accept the resolution as is. No second. Motion fails. Shidell moved that the Forestry Committee does not endorse res. 87-2012. Rudolph seconded. Roll Call: Shidell yes, Martinson no, Rudolph yes, Sorensen yes. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Karl Fate: No reason for a mining oversight committee any longer. If there is any discussion of opening the county forest to metallic mining, there needs to be open public debate as the starting point.

Dee Ann Allen: Lac du Flambeau will stand on our position to oppose mining in the ceded territory. By taking out the mining language, that appears to be the direction Oneida County is going to pursue.

Bob Martini: If this ever came up again, it seems that the best way to proceed would not be to take a holdover committee that was set up in the 80's. It would seem the best process mechanism would be to start over and evaluate the whole system and decide how to proceed.

TOM TIFFANY VISIT CANCELED, SO NOT ADDRESSED.

FOREST MANAGEMENT—Fiene reported the Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue is \$800,827.46; loggers are moving into county later than usual because other countries are dry this year. Timber Sales for close out: Contract 1556, Kleinschmidt Logging, satisfactorily completed, return Letter of credit. Contract 1544, Northwest Hardwoods, satisfactorily completed, return cash deposit. Martinson moved to approve closeouts and return deposits. Rudolph seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

2013 FORESTRY DEPT. WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION—Bilogan provided plan for approved budget/projects and resolution to present to county board. This is submitted annually to DNR and affects eligibility for Forest Administrator Grant and other DNR assistance. Rudolph moved to approve the 2013 work plan and bring to County Board, Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

SNOWMOBILE LAND USE AGREEMENT WITH ROLAND FIR—Two years ago, a land use agreement was signed without the additional language which had been suggested by Oneida County corporation counsel. Roland Fir purchased the land recently and expected to sign the land use agreement that was currently in place. However, once again corporation counsel recommended additional language to the land use contract. Desmond feels the additions are standard clauses and protect both parties. Roland Fir is a small group of local businessmen and does not have lawyers on retainer to check the contract for them. After discussion of the provisions of the existing contract, it was decided to forego making the changes at this time. Sorensen moved to approve the current contract, Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW EXISTING FEE SCHEDULE POLICY. – Bilogan presented the current fees and made recommendations to increase the gravel fees by 10% as it has not changed in six years. He also made a recommendation to increase residential Firewood Permits to \$20 and the shelter rental fee for Perch Lake Park to \$75. Martinson moved to accept the changes, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried..

2013 FORESTRY DEPT LONG RANGE PLAN—Annual update presented to committee. Changes include capital improvements, closure of Town Line Park, update 5-year outdoor recreation plan. Sorensen moved to approve the 2013 Forestry Long Range Plan. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

MOSQUITO CREEK SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE UPDATE – Bilogan reported that the Goehlke family agreed to take responsibility for the bridge. Contracts were signed and is now a dead issue.

2013 GOALS FOR THE ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY DEPT. DIRECTOR—Goals for 2013 were presented to the committee for approval. Rudolph will substitute for Chair Baier at the annual evaluation. Sorensen moved to approve the goals. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS. It was moved by Martinson and seconded by Rudolph to approve the expenditures. All aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S): Access to Forest roads. Reschedule Rep. Tiffany's visit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. No additional comments.

NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—*Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 9:00 a.m.*

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
VICE-CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY