

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** November 8, 2017

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**OTHERS:** Arlene Vlies, 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 Van Raalte to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 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 \$1,358,976.74
- b) **AWARD TIMBER SALE CONTRACTS.** Two sales have no bids. They will be reoffered in spring. Zunker moved to award remaining eight sales to high bidders, none of whom are new bidders. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION #1657 - Marshall Logging, #1653 – Country Forest Products, and #1650 – Futurewood Corp.** Van Raalte moved to close the contracts and return deposits/Letters of Credit when paid in full. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried
- d) **DISCUSS/ACT ON CONTRACT EXTENSIONS.** Fiene recommended extending contracts 1616, 1621, 1627, 1630, 1651, 1652, 1654, with percentage increases. Contracts 1648, 1592, and 1593 were recommended for extension with no increases. Contract 1594 is finished, but waiting for payment since August. Recommendation is to extend until the end of November, and if not paid, to bring back to December meeting to approve taking the amount due from their letter of credit. Pence moved to follow recommendations, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- e) **Revocation of Balsam Bough permit.** Bilogan explained that he revoked a non-resident commercial permit after the permit holder damaged trees and left a trailer sitting since late October. He notified the individual that the trailer must be removed and the permit was revoked. The person asked Bilogan to request that the committee reconsider the revocation. Bilogan added that this is the second year that this individual has caused problems. Van Raalte moved to revoke the permit, haul the trailer to the shop and bill the individual for costs. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried
- f) **Delinquent stumpage, Contract 1639.** The contractor with contract 1594 is also delinquent on this one. Pence moved to give the contractor until November 30 to pay, and if not, retain Letter of Credit and sell balance of the job in the spring. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Recognition of individuals who played significant roles in development of OC Forestry & Parks. Arlene Vlies spoke to the committee to request some type of historical marker at Almon Park to educate the public on how the park came to be a part of the Oneida County Forestry Department. Sorensen directed Bilogan to work with Mrs. Vlies to come up with some verbiage for informational signs for Almon Park and near Hwy G in the Enterprise block.

Mike Romportl of the Land Information Office has determined that there is land survey work necessary in and around Section 12, Township 36 North, Range 4 East, Town of Lynne, and Section 30, Township 36 North, Range 5 East, Town of Little Rice for County Forest. This needs to be completed before the next timber sale can be set up, as the property lines will move.

Oneida County Forestry Department was approached to allow Grow North billboards along Hwy 51 and Hwy 8. There is no cost, and it will promote timber and recreation. If the committee agrees, it would still have to be approved by Zoning. Sorensen said the committee will defer until Zoning makes a decision.

Award bid for a 2017 or 2018 snowmobile and trailer. Antigo Yamaha was the low bidder. Pence moved to accept the bid and award the bid to Antigo Yamaha. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried

Access request by Walter A. Jones to cross SWSW & SESW, Sec. 2, T37N R7E, Town of Lake Tomahawk to reach his private parcel. He has access by a town road, Alva Lake Road, but wants to get access to another high part of his land. Van Raalte moved to deny this request, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Rebuild of Burrows ATV Bridges. Sorensen recused himself from this topic, as he is a tenant of MSA. Van Raalte acted as chair. Bilogan stated all issues have been addressed. The next step is to have corporation counsel draft a contract for McMullan & Pitz to repair the bridges. MSA can provide an engineer onsite at a cost of time and materials. Zunker moved to have Corp Counsel draft a contract for repairs and obtain a proposal from MSA for monitoring. Pence seconded. Abstain: Sorensen. Pence, Zunker and Van Raalte all aye, motion carried.

Relocation of DNR Division of Forestry to Rhinelander. Sorensen returned as chair. Bilogan reported that although Rhinelander will be the headquarters, the bulk of their staff must relocate north of Hwy 29 and will be disbursed throughout Northern Wisconsin, with the core in Rhinelander.

#### Rhinelander Area Silent Trails Association (RASTA)

1. Request to install 2 rollup doors to act as windblocks at the Perch Lake Park Judy Swank Shelter. Bilogan questions the durability of these doors and the cost of \$1075. The committee directed Guy Hansen to bring photos of doors to the next meeting and it will be on the December agenda.
2. Request reimbursement for expenses to address high water issues at 3 locations on the Nose Lake Ski Trail. Bilogan's position is that RASTA is paid to maintain trails, and if they feel it needs to be addressed, they should repair it. He reminded the committee that every year RASTA has leftover money that they do not have to return to the County. RASTA's position is that their agreement is to maintain trails, not to repair trails in this condition. After discussion, Sorensen said no decision would be made until the DNR determines what RASTA can do.

Bilogan wants to amend the next contract with RASTA to address bike 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 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).

Roll call vote, all aye, motion carried to convene in closed session at 5:00 p.m..

Van Raalte moved to return to open session, Zunker seconded. A unanimous roll call vote was taken to return to open session at 5:15 p.m. No action was taken during the closed session.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**— Felbab asked if the land surveys could be done by Nicolet survey students as they have excellent equipment. Bilogan replied that the surveyors must be licensed.

#### **VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

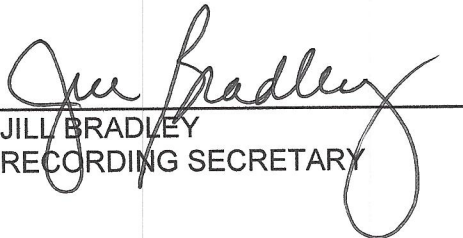
Vouchers which totaled \$179,029.45 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to authorize payment, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Informational Sign Verbiage
- Roll up doors at Perch Lake
- 2018 RASTA Contract

**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