

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: December 5, 2018

TIME: 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting has 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

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 and November 16, 2018 FLR Committee meetings. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Year-to-Date November Stumpage Revenue Report — Bilogan reported that the stumpage for November 2018 was down from 2017; however, YTD is still ahead of 2017 and ahead of 2018 budget.

Connor Forest Management Payment Update – Bilogan reported that as agreed upon, Connor has been providing minimum weekly payments of \$5,000. Currently owe \$36,052.54 + \$1,735.16 in late fees. Expectation that account will be paid in full by end of January 2019.

REVIEW AND APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT LONG RANGE PLAN

County requirement to provide a departmental long range plan which includes continued development of ATV trails, forest management, and the management plan for the newly acquired Gillette / Wickham parcels. Will also begin the process of updating the state mandated 15-year plan for the county forest.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the 2019 Forestry Department Long Range Plan. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2019 ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION

State mandated to have an annual work plan approved by the committee by resolution. Provides various budgets and goals for the department. Includes timber sales, rough grouse management, manage the county forest against insects & diseases, forest certification, wildlife management, county roads, equipment, parks, recreational trails,

and ATV trails. Also includes opportunities for improvement identified during the county forest audit.

Motion by Pence to approve 2019 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan & Resolution. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF FINALIZED PURCHASE & FUTURE PLANS FOR GILLETTE / WICKHAM LAKE ACQUISITION

Bilogan recommended inviting the Enterprise Town Board to participate in a discussion with the committee regarding the plans and ideas for the property since they were instrumental and supportive of the county purchase. Bilogan will contact the Enterprise Board and suggest they discuss their ideas/thoughts at their January meeting and add an agenda item for the FLRC February meeting to discuss.

Cabin has been boarded up and locks changed to prevent access. After closer inspection, the cabin is probably more of a liability/expense than a source of revenue.

Improvement to the road may be necessary to meet country road specifications. Need to check to determine how to turn the road over from Enterprise to the county. Bilogan will start the process by working with Land Information to determine who owns the right-of-way.

Suggestions for the property: Thinning of hardwood timber (hope to offer in 2019 spring sale), accommodate public access with a parking lot, multi-use silent sports trail (similar to Almon Park), disabled access fishing pier(s), disabled accessible path from parking area, shelter, picnic area, bag limits to protect the fishery, earthen berms to help restrict vehicle access

Bilogan will look into available grants to help fund the recreational development of the property.

AMENDMENT TO SUSTAINABLE FOREST GRANT FOR TIMBER HAULING ROAD

Previously applied for and approved for a sustainable forest grant to develop a timber haul road through Washburn area. Shortfall of monies for gravel costs.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve request for additional \$13,560. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

FORESTRY DIRECTOR'S GOALS FOR 2019 AND 2018 PERFORMANCE

Pence moved to convene in Closed Session at 4:40 p.m. for the following purpose: Pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(C) Concerning employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

Unanimous roll call vote to return to open session at 4:55 p.m. Chair Sorensen announced a motion was made and approved to forward performance evaluation to Labor Relations and approved closed session minutes from November 13, 2018.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$1,322.99 were presented to the committee. VanRaalte made a motion to approve payments. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS


- Town of Enterprise – Proposed plans for Gillette / Wickham Lake Property

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, motion made by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.



JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR



TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY