

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

**DATE:** December 14, 2018

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder  
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf, Rady, Renik  
Assistant Corporation Counsel: Tom Wiensch

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.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 Mott to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

### **REVIEW AND APPROVE ROLAND FIR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL LAND USE AGREEMENT FOR:**

#### **STATE FUNDED TRAIL LOCATED IN THE:**

**W ½, NW ¼, SEC. 31 T37N R6E, W ½, SW ¼, SEC. 30 T37N R6E, AND SW ¼, NW ¼, SEC. 30 T 37N R6E**

#### **CLUB FUNDED TRAIL LOCATED IN THE:**

**E ½, SW ¼, SEC. 15 T37N R6E AND SW ¼, NE ¼, SEC. 22 T37N R6E**

This contract affects approximately 1.3 miles of state funded trail and a combined 1.0 mile of funded club trails in two areas.

Bilogan explained that the county has snowmobile trail landowner agreements/contracts with many private landowners. Roland Fir Timberland's contract is due this year and Renik has been working with Roland Fir's spokesperson for the past several months

Wiensch stated while reviewing the contract provided by Roland Fir, he identified several concerns that he wanted to make known to the committee. Wiensch then proceeded to describe the specific concerns to the committee. He also mentioned it has been difficult to negotiate the contract terms with Roland Fir.

If contract negotiations cannot be satisfactorily rectified, other options include:

- Changing the trail from state funded to a club funded trail and have the agreement between the club and Roland Fir rather than the county. Previously Roland Fir has preferred the agreement be with the county rather than the snowmobile clubs.
- Closing that section of the trail back to the previous trail junctions from each direction.

- Shorten trail 8 that crosses Roland Fir Property to only include up to the intersection of trail 28 or look into alternate snowmobile routes via town roads.
- Snowmobile clubs get a temporary agreement with Roland Fir and see if the clubs and/or the OCSC would fund the discussion with their attorney to negotiate the contract.

Motion by Mott to allow signature of the contract by the Chair or Vice Chair without another meeting if the contract is negotiated to corporation counsel's satisfaction. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Pence directing Forestry staff to inform snowmobile clubs the county is not willing to sign the current contract; however, the county is willing to have corporation counsel negotiate the contract with Roland Fir's attorney if the snowmobile club or other individual wants to fund their attorney fees. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

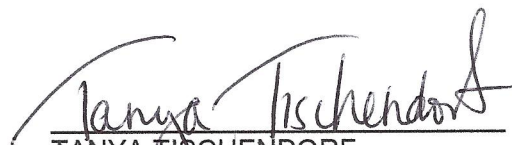
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With business completed, motion made by Pence to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

  
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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

  
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TANYA TISCHENDORF  
RECORDING SECRETARY