

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

**DATE:** December 20, 2018

**TIME:** 12:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 12:30 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 Pence. 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**

Update from last meeting:

Wiensch stated corporation counsel and the forestry department have had meaningful conversations with Forrest Gibeault and associates of Roland Fir to work towards a mutually satisfactory agreement. Roland Fir agreed to have their attorney review a new contract, but may still be looking for someone to pay for their attorney fees; however, due to the upcoming holidays, this will not happen until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Roland Fir suggested the committee sign the current agreement with a shortened contract period of a few weeks to a month to allow opening of the trails while a new contract is drafted and reviewed.

Bilogan provided, in writing, the options presented at the prior meeting, to the Northwoods Passage and Northern Trails Unlimited snowmobile clubs and the Oneida County Snowmobile Council. Additionally Bilogan verbally relayed these options to Steve Moran, President of the Northern Trails Unlimited Snowmobile Club.

Bilogan asked the committee if they would be willing to sign the current proposed Roland Fir contract as written, with an expiration of three or four weeks giving the clubs the ability to open the trails (when possible) while corporation counsel continues to work with Roland Fir on a new contract.

Steve Moran spoke on behalf of the Northern Trails Unlimited Snowmobile club asking the committee to approve the contract. Also stated that the two snowmobile clubs would possibly cover up to \$1,000 of the attorney fees for Roland Fir.

Motion made by VanRaalte to sign the current proposed contract with an end date of January 15, 2019 to provide time for corporation counsel to work out a contract favorable to both parties. Second by Pence. VanRaalte amended the motion to have an end date of midnight January 22, 2019. Second by Pence. Roll call vote: Pence, aye; Almekinder, nay; VanRaalte, aye; Sorensen, aye. Motion passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Steve Moran thanked the committee for approving the contract.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With business completed, Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.



JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR



TANYA TISCHENDORF  
RECORDING SECRETARY