

NOTICE OF MEETING - AMENDED

COMMITTEE: Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Recreation

DATE: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

CALL IN OPTION: 1-312-626-6799

MEETING ID: 824 9319 1548

PASSCODE: 803149

Zoom is offered as a convenience for this meeting. If Zoom functionality is disrupted, the meeting will continue in-person at the location listed above.

It is possible that a quorum of county board members or quorums of various other county committees will be at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the county board pursuant to State ex rel Badke v. Greendale Village Board, Wis 2d 553, 494 n.w. 2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the county board and any other committee quorums will not take any formal actions at this meeting.

The following items will be discussed and / or acted upon:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion
3. Approve minutes of May 12, 2026 meeting
4. Election of Forestry Committee Vice-Chair
5. Public Comment
6. Forest Management
 - a. YTD Timber Stumpage Report
7. Forestry Department Updates
8. WDNR Reports
 - a. DNR Liaison
 - b. DNR Wildlife Biologist
9. Friends of Townline Lake Park (FTLLP) Update
10. Discuss / Approve County Forest Road Maintenance Proposal & Resolution (Kelly Fire Lane)
11. Public Comment
12. Future Agenda Items/Meetings

13. It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, 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 bargaining reasons require a closed session. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session.
 - a. Approve Closed Session Minutes from April 14, 2026
 - b. Luber Lane Cell Tower Lease

14. A roll call vote will be taken to return to open session.

15. Announcement of any action taken in closed session.

16. Adjournment

NOTICE OF POSTING

Date: 06/01/26

Time: Approx. 10:00 a.m.

Place: Court House Bulletin Board

ROBERT ALMEKINDER, COMMITTEE CHAIR

Notice posted by Tanya Tischendorf, Forestry Department. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the Forestry Department at (715-369-6140).

News Media Notified Via Email: Date: 06/01/26 Time: Approx. 10:00 a.m.

Northwoods River News, Lakeland Times, Star Journal/ Buyer's Guide, Tomahawk Leader

Radio: WHDG WRJO WRHN WMQA WOBT WXPR WJJQ WLSL WXPR WPEG TV: WJFW, WAOW, WSAW

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Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

MANNER OF NOTICE:

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

TIME FOR NOTICE:

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS:

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a judicial or quasi-judicial

trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)

2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
5. 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. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(t), except where paragraph 2 applies.
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)(g)
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT

CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.

5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(t) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

LEGAL INTERPRETATION:

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

PENALTY:

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: May 12, 2026
TIME: 8:00 a.m. County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Schultz, Sorgel, Lopez
Forestry Staff: Nemece, Rady, Tischendorf, Truitt
WDNR: John Gillen, Sydney Kottke, Curt Rollman

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Almekinder called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Briggs to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Sorgel to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 meeting. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report - Rady reported April stumpage of \$20,946.96 bringing the year-to-date total to \$223,590.39. Currently have four active jobs.

Award Spring Timber Sale Bids - Rady reported 9 of 12 tracts sold with a total of 36 bids. Estimated revenue for the sold sales is \$927,486 compared to minimum bids of \$536,605.

High Bids Received:

Tract 1-26	Training Day Hwd	Smola Enterprises	\$156,380.00
Tract 2-26	Phantom Buck Hwd	Central Wisconsin Lumber	\$118,155.00
Tract 3-26	BRGM 3	Smola Brothers, Inc.	\$104,161.00
Tract 4-26	Sidecar Aspen	Al Mann Logging	\$ 45,286.00
Tract 5-26	SOS Aspen	Smola Brothers, Inc.	\$140,127.50
Tract 6-26	Trapped Aspen	TNT Timber Improvement	\$135,934.00
Tract 6-25	Silly Spruce	No Bids Received	
Tract 7-25	Gray Dog Oak	Al Mann Logging	\$158,015.00
Tract 9-25	Stone Cold Hwd	No Bids Received	
Tract 11-25	Thunder Chicken Hwd	Kleinschmidt Logging	\$ 45,000.00
Tract 14-25	No Bids Received		
Tract 17-25	Way Back Aspen	CTO Logging, LLC	\$ 24,427.50

Recommendation to award sales to high bidders.

Motion by Sorgel to accept the high bids on the tracts as presented. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Nemece informed the committee the beach project at Almon Park is pretty much done. The highway department removed the retaining wall last fall and sloping, raking, etc. is complete. It might require a bit of grass seed, but otherwise it looks really good. The park is open to the public.

The Almon Park beach toilet/changing room building roof replacement project should be started soon.

Our summer ranger LTE position has an accepted offer and will begin May 18th.

Oneida County ATV/UTV trails opened May 1st and the Enterprise Campground opened May 8th.

WDNR REPORTS

DNR Liaison – Gillen provided background regarding the role of the WDNR with the County for new committee member Lopez. Provided an update on the state timber sale results. With DNR Liaison Kristina Wells getting ready for maternity leave, Gillen introduced DNR Forester Ranger Sydney Kottke as a temporary stand in.

Kottke stated they continue to staff for fire season throughout the Woodruff area. As of May 2nd, WDNR has reached about 95% of the allotted time standards for Oneida County.

DNR Wildlife Biologist – Rollman introduced himself and his role for new committee member Lopez. Provided an update on the Spruce Lake Dam Waterfowl draw down and the Citizen Deer Advisory Council provided recommendations for the antlerless deer harvest.

AWARD ATV BID

Truitt stated we received five bids and the recommendation is to award the sale to low bidder of Fuller Sales and Service for \$6,650.

Motion by Schultz to approve the purchase of the ATV from Fuller Sales and Service. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

Discuss / Approve Special Events Agreement – Nemeč explained this is the annual agreement for FTLLP's two events - the Father's Day fishing event in June and Music in the Bowl in September.

Motion by Briggs to approve the special events agreement as presented. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

RASTA PRESENTATION

Laura MacFarland, RASTA President introduced herself and provided background of RASTA's role and responsibilities with County silent sports trails. MacFarland presented a slideshow highlighting RASTA's annual accomplishments, various trail use/users and the trail systems maintained by the club.

Discuss / Approve RASTA 5 Year Plan Amendments – Nemeč discussed the updates/amendments to the 5-year plan. The Department and RASTA have met to go over the amendments and both groups are comfortable with the revised plan.

Motion by Briggs to amend RASTA's 5-year plan as presented. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW / APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Nemeč outlined the highlights of the department including 2025 timber sale revenue, completion of the Rozell Road culvert replacement project, short snowmobile season (2024-2025), completion of Almon Park/Buck Lake retaining wall removal and the Spruce Lake flowage draw down.

Motion by Sorgel to approve and forward the 2025 Forestry Department Annual Report to the County Board. Second by Lopez. All aye, motion carried.

INVOICES PAID REPORT

The committee received the list of invoices paid in April 2026.

Vouchers for the month totaled \$22,159.04 including \$13,818.80 for grant funded snowmobile bridge products.

Informational only.

Agenda

DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW (BUDGET / ACTUAL REPORT)

The committee was provided a copy of the department's April report. No concerns at this time.

Informational only.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Hanson, RASTA, commented that a lot of bike trails are maintained as snowshoe trails in the winter.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – June 2, 2026
- Election of Committee Vice-Chair
- Kelly Fire Lane Road Designation

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

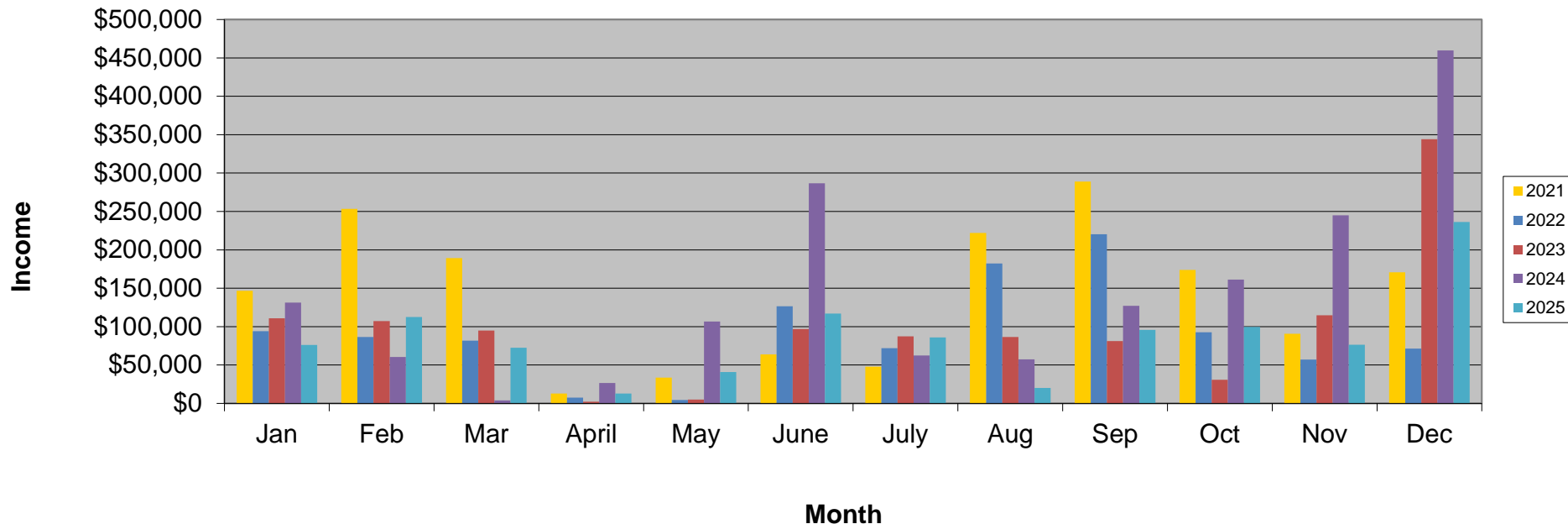
ROBERT ALMEKINDER
COMMITTEE CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

	2021	YTD	2022	YTD	2023	YTD	2024	YTD	2025	YTD	2026	YTD	Prior 5-Year Averages	
Jan	\$146,648.81	\$146,648.81	\$93,972.82	\$93,972.82	\$110,796.39	\$110,796.39	\$131,435.15	\$131,435.15	\$76,225.61	\$76,225.61	\$36,952.38	\$36,952.38	\$111,815.76	\$111,815.76
Feb	\$253,259.02	\$399,907.83	\$86,507.03	\$180,479.85	\$107,250.43	\$218,046.82	\$60,526.25	\$191,961.40	\$112,465.57	\$188,691.18	\$114,147.98	\$151,100.36	\$124,001.66	\$235,817.42
Mar	\$189,358.07	\$589,265.90	\$81,721.07	\$262,200.92	\$94,867.03	\$312,913.85	\$4,033.80	\$195,995.20	\$72,381.82	\$261,073.00	\$51,543.07	\$202,643.43	\$88,472.36	\$324,289.77
April	\$12,767.60	\$602,033.50	\$7,455.38	\$269,656.30	\$2,170.63	\$315,084.48	\$26,563.78	\$222,558.98	\$12,738.60	\$273,811.60	\$20,946.96	\$223,590.39	\$12,339.20	\$336,628.97
May	\$33,672.10	\$635,705.60	\$4,439.34	\$274,095.64	\$5,108.35	\$320,192.83	\$106,792.85	\$329,351.83	\$40,926.97	\$314,738.57	\$91,022.91	\$314,613.30	\$38,187.92	\$374,816.89
June	\$63,896.19	\$699,601.79	\$126,485.62	\$400,581.26	\$96,839.49	\$417,032.32	\$286,636.23	\$615,988.06	\$117,017.02	\$431,755.59			\$138,174.91	\$512,991.80
July	\$47,859.87	\$747,461.66	\$72,076.55	\$472,657.81	\$87,311.26	\$504,343.58	\$62,415.49	\$678,403.55	\$85,994.51	\$517,750.10			\$71,131.54	\$584,123.34
Aug	\$221,963.23	\$969,424.89	\$182,382.01	\$655,039.82	\$86,553.14	\$590,896.72	\$57,469.14	\$735,872.69	\$20,030.33	\$537,780.43			\$113,679.57	\$697,802.91
Sep	\$288,992.84	\$1,258,417.73	\$220,316.64	\$875,356.46	\$81,091.86	\$671,988.58	\$127,066.98	\$862,939.67	\$95,835.09	\$633,615.52			\$162,660.68	\$860,463.59
Oct	\$173,738.98	\$1,432,156.71	\$92,748.15	\$968,104.61	\$30,796.42	\$702,785.00	\$161,312.04	\$1,024,251.71	\$99,793.89	\$733,409.41			\$111,677.90	\$972,141.49
Nov	\$90,623.25	\$1,522,779.96	\$57,188.05	\$1,025,292.66	\$114,846.15	\$817,631.15	\$245,020.71	\$1,269,272.42	\$76,349.48	\$809,758.89			\$116,805.53	\$1,088,947.02
Dec	\$170,754.28	\$1,693,534.24	\$71,504.11	\$1,096,796.77	\$344,188.68	\$1,161,819.83	\$459,601.44	\$1,728,873.86	\$236,310.03	\$1,046,068.92			\$256,471.71	\$1,345,418.72
Total	\$1,693,534.24		\$1,096,796.77		\$1,161,819.83		\$1,728,873.86		\$1,046,068.92		\$314,613.30		\$1,345,418.72	
NCF Sale \$									\$1,547.90				Monthly Avg	YTD Avg
Forfeit Bond \$			\$53,157.09				\$15,728.00							
Total w/NCF	\$1,693,534.24		\$1,149,953.86		\$1,161,819.83		\$1,744,601.86		\$1,047,616.82		\$314,613.30			
Budget					\$1,147,727.00		\$1,090,909.00		\$1,105,682.00		\$1,136,364.00			
Over/Uunder					\$14,092.83		\$653,692.86		-\$58,065.18		-\$821,750.70			

*Averages do not include 2026

Monthly Gross Stumpage Comparison 2021-2025



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Resolution to Approve the Addition of Kelly Fire Lane, Town of Little Rice, to the Oneida County Forest Road System and Certification for County Forest Road Aids

Resolution approved for presentation to the Oneida County Board by the Supervisors of the Forestry Committee

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, Oneida County owns and manages Count Forest Lands entered under Section 28.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a Highway Order was filed by the Town of Little Rice and recorded with the Oneida County Register of Deeds as Document #869234, discontinuing an approximately 5.89 mile segment of Kelly Fire Lane in Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, and 22 in Township 36 North, Range 5 East, thereby reverting ownership to the landowner, Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Forestry, Land & Recreation Department has identified the need to add the discontinued portions of Kelly Fire Lane listed above to the official County Forest Road inventory; and

WHEREAS, this road has been constructed and is maintained to meet the minimum standards required for County Forest Roads – specifically, a 16-foot surface width and a 20-foot roadway width – and is open for public travel and forest management; and

WHEREAS, certifying this road allows the County to receive WI DOT County Forest Road Aids to help defray the costs of road maintenance and improvement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, hereby approves the addition of discontinued portions of Kelly Fire Lane to the official Oneida County Forest road inventory and the Comprehensive County Forest Land Use Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution serves as formal certification to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that this road meets all eligibility criteria for County Forest Road Aids under Section 86.315 of the Wisconsin Statutes with an estimated annual revenue of \$2,000 from state road aids; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Department, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes _____ No _____ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, _____, Date: _____

51 Approved for presentation to the County Board by the Forestry, Land and Recreation
52 Committee this 2nd day of June, 2026.

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54 Consent Agenda Item: _____ YES _____ NO
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95 Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

Scott Holewinski, County Board Chair