

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: January 4, 2023

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Schultz, Winkler (via Zoom), Sorgel (via Zoom)
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
WDNR: Kristina Wells, Hilary Keller
RASTA: Scott Watson, Guy Hansen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Almekinder 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 Winkler to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Briggs to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022 meeting. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

Sorgel joined via Zoom at 3:31 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for December was \$51,519.03 for a year-to-date total of \$1,076,811.69. Adding in the forfeited timber bonds the year-to-date total is \$1,129,968.78 and approximately \$13,000 left to invoice for 2022. Not much timber moving right now.

WCFA SPRING CONFERENCE - ROTHSCHILD, WI, MARCH 22-23, 2023

Approve Staff & Committee Attendance & Approve Out of County Travel for Staff & Committee– Have not received an agenda for the conference yet. Will forward once received. Staff will be commuting to the conference.

Motion by Winkler to approve staff and committee attendance and out of county travel for the WCFA Spring Conference scheduled in Rothschild for March 22-23, 2023. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

ENCROACHMENT – T37N R4E SEC. 8 NW NE, TOWN OF LYNNE

Review/Approve Resolution for Withdrawal – Fiene reminded the committee of the encroachment of a private cabin determined after completion of a survey in the Town of Lynne. Because of the difficulty in moving the structure, septic, etc., the recommendation is to apply for withdrawal of the encroachment including a small border and sell the parcel to the cabin owner.

Motion by Briggs to approve the resolution and forward on to County Board. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

Approve Appraisal of Parcel – If the withdrawal/sale are approved, the private landowner will be charged three times the appraised value of the proposed parcel.

Motion by Schultz to approve moving forward with an appraisal of the proposed parcel. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE REQUEST FROM LITTLE BELLAS MOUNTAIN BIKE PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THE WASHBURN TRAILS

Fiene stated the Little Bellas Mountain Bike group requested permission from the County to run their program on the Washburn Trail system. Permission was granted, RASTA had no objections and there were no concerns brought forth. Little Bellas is again requesting permission to utilize the trail system for the 2023 season.

Motion by Schultz to approve the agreement with Little Bellas Mountain Bike Program. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

FTLLP Update – Fiene confirmed with Dave Schmitz that the County approved the pier donation so Schmitz will begin getting quotes for installation.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

2023 Blanket Purchase Order List – Tischendorf provided the committee with a blanket purchase order list for 2023.

Motion by Briggs to approve the 2023 Blanket Purchase Order List as presented. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

Vouchers - Vouchers presented totaling \$153,974.79. Approximately \$141,000.00 were grant related expenses and another \$11,000.00 was a timber sale performance bond refund.

Motion by Winkler to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Watson, RASTA requested the County let them know of any recreational grants that may be available for additional bike trail development. Watson offered to provide a RASTA update (review of past and future projects) to the Committee.

Guy Hansen suggested adding an update of accomplishments of current five-year plan. Administration costs for development and maintenance of the trail systems are not easily visible to people.

Trail systems are becoming more popular to hunting as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – February 1, 2023
- 2023 APHIS Cooperative Agreement
- RASTA Year in Review Presentation

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

ROBERT ALMEKINDER
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY