

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: February 5, 2020, 2019

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Sorensen, VanRaalte, Pence, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
Excused Absence - Mott

Mike Fugle – Assistant Corporation Counsel; Manny Oradei - WNDR; Darwin & Sherri Clements – Land Owners; Laurie Groskopf - Public

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 Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020 FLR Committee meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

UPDATE/APPROVE ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF ENTERPRISE FOR HILDEBRAND LAKE ROAD EXTENSION

Fugle explained the intent of the contract was to allocate any risks in terms of the road being built in case contractors, etc. were on county land surrounding the road. It ensures contractors would have adequate liability insurance and the town is responsible for any damage to county land and indemnifies Oneida County in case someone were to get hurt while working on the road.

On behalf of County Board Chair Hintz, Fugle requested the committee hold off on approving this contract until outstanding legal issues relating to possible criminal charges and claims against the county have been resolved.

Hintz also wanted to advise the committee that LRES Committee would be addressing Bilogan's notice of claim in closed session tomorrow and any issues related to this could be discussed by the County Board as a whole.

Discussion regarding the correlation of the road contract and Bilogan's notice of claim.

Motion by VanRaalte to postpone the agenda item until next month's meeting. Second by Pence. Roll call vote: VanRaalte, aye; Pence, aye; Almekinder, aye; Sorensen, no. Motion carried.

LITTLE RICE LANDOWNER – POTENTIAL SALE TO COUNTY OF PARCEL LR 38, SEC. 3, T36R5E

Landowners Darwin and Sherry Clements are interested in selling a 30.66-acre parcel of land within the town of Little Rice and is surrounded by county/state land. Access to the parcel is currently limited to ATV or snowmobile only.

Discussion regarding the lack of access to the property making it undesirable on the private market. A cabin and a small out building currently resides on the parcel. Clements states the board approved access back in August 1994; however, there isn't known written documentation.

Sorensen instructed Fiene to research to look for any documentation of access and the county board meeting referenced by Clements.

Motion by Pence to table the agenda item until the March meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT – YTD STUMPAGE REPORT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported final stumpage revenue for 2019 was \$954,177.25. For January, stumpage is at \$136,539.58 which is above the five year average.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT STAFFING UPDATE

Jake Truitt is scheduled to start on February 17, 2020 as the new County Forester II.

WCFA SPRING MEETING IN MARSHFIELD MARCH 18-20, 2020 – APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE AND OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL

Motion by VanRaalte to approve attendance and out of county travel for staff and committee members. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE APHIS CONTRACT FOR 2020

Annual beaver control contract with the USDA. Wiensch had a couple of recommendations to add to the contract which would require a different contract.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the APHIS contract as presented. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

CELL TOWER REQUEST – ALMON PARK

Fiene received a letter from the County Clerk regarding a request for a cell tower to be located at Almon Park. Due to the restrictions listed on the deed conveyance to Oneida County, Fiene does not recommend moving forward.

Motion by Pence to deny the cell tower request. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

WOLF CONTROL RESOLUTION – POTENTIAL REVISION REGARDING RELOCATION OF WOLVES

Fiene received letter from Laurie Groskopf forwarded by the County Clerk a letter requesting an amendment to a resolution from 2010 regarding the relocation of problem wolves.

Groskopf provided background information and handouts to the committee regarding the concerns of relocation of problem wolves.

VanRaalte expressed concerns with the department spending time on a resolution that the state does not have to adhere to.

Motion by Pence to amend the prior resolution to included relocation clause. Second by Sorensen. Roll call vote: Pence, yes; Almekinder, yes; Sorensen, yes; VanRaalte, no. Motion carried.

REVIEW 15 YEAR PLAN DRAFT – CHAPTERS 1 & 2

Approve Revised Chapters 1 & 2 - Motion by VanRaalte to approve revised draft chapters 1 & 2. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Review/Approve Draft Chapters 3 & 4 – Motion by Almekinder to approve Chapter 3 with spelling revisions. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Almekinder to approve Chapter 4 with proposed revisions from VanRaalte. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$205,780.08 were presented. Large expenses include: 2019 Town Severance of \$108,021.81, Snowmobile maintenance of \$63,525.00 covered by grant money, Performance timber bond refund of \$13,008.38, RASTA Maintenance payment of \$9,950.00 and WCFA 2020 Membership Dues of \$5,746.99.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Road Construction Contract with Town of Enterprise for Hildebrand Lake Road Extension
- Potential Sale to County of Parcel LR 38, Sec. 3, T36R5E
- Amended Wolf Resolution
- 15 Year Plan Chapter Reviews

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY