

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 6, 2019

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Mott, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf,
Chair Sorensen - Absent

Lisa Jolin, Solid Waste; Bart Sexton; Guy Hansen, RASTA; John Gillen,
WDNR; Jim Wendt, President, Oneida County Snowmobile Council

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice Chair VanRaalte 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 Mott to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Vice Chair's discretion. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of February 6, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

2019 Stumpage Revenue Report — Bilogan reported stumpage revenue is down most likely due to weather conditions. Anticipating early to mid-summer will see an increase.

Timing of May Committee Meeting with Spring Bid Opening – Currently the May meeting is scheduled for May 1st. Due to the timing of the meeting, the Forestry department will require bids to be in on Monday, April 29th. Bids will be opened on Monday and awarded on Wednesday, May 1st.

REVIEW BID RESULTS AND AWARD BIDS

Pickup Truck – Bid to replace existing 19-year old 2 WD pickup truck. Only received one bid from Rhinelander GM at \$26,625.00 with trade in of current truck.

Still waiting to hear back when the truck will be available due to the production process with Chevrolet. If standard 10-12 week delivery process, Bilogan recommends awarding the bid to Rhinelander GM.

Motion by Almekinder to award the bid to Rhinelander GM given the ability to deliver within a reasonable time. If not, Bilogan will bring back to the committee for further discussion. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

Gravelly Lawn Mower – Received three bids. Lowest bid was from Nelson’s Powerhouse in Merrill at \$4,528.00. Bob’s Power Center in Rhinelander was next at \$4,750.40 and third was Fuller Sales and Service in Antigo at \$5,213.56.

Nelson’s Powerhouse bid does meet all specification requirements and it is Bilogan’s recommendation to award them the bid.

Motion by Almekinder to accept the lowest bid from Nelson’s Powerhouse. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

REQUEST FROM SOLID WASTE FOR NEW DEMOLITION SITE – PROPOSED LAND WITHDRAWAL

Bilogan provided handouts showing a mutually agreed upon parcel of 21.86 acres that encompasses the area Solid Waste is proposing for the new demolition site.

Jolin stated there was a preliminary meeting with the Town of Woodboro to inform them of the new demo site and they did not have any direct opposition. Sexton explained they still need a well variance, conditional use permits, plan of operation approval and town approval and anticipate completion of these by the end of April.

Bilogan stated he will begin putting the withdrawal paperwork together so it is ready to submit once Solid Waste has received the green light from all parties.

Bilogan presented several issues/acknowledgements regarding the new proposed demo site. 1) The forestry department received a grant to establish a haul road, which under the current plan would allow Solid Waste to utilize this road as the access road to the new demo site. Bilogan would like assurances that the haul road will remain as intended and utilized for timber sales. Jolin sees no issues with multi use of the road. 2) Assuming the proposed withdrawal is approved, the state requires the county replace the acreage with comparable forest land. Forestry does not have budgeted funds to replace the acreage. County Board will need to acknowledge this at the time of the withdrawal approval. Include the need to replace the land in the resolution along with funding availability. Possible ideas to check and see if Gillette/Wickham purchase would coverage the proposed withdrawal acreage. Sexton offered a parcel on the west currently part of Solid Waste that may be a viable option for replacement. 3) RASTA would need to re-route their trail and Solid Waste agreed they would fund the expenses to accomplish this. Previous meeting, the motion was made to approve the proposed withdrawal with the conditions provided by RASTA in a letter from Rich Reidinger. 4) Forestry collects illegally dumped garbage on the county forest and would appreciate the ability to dispose of this garbage without charges from Solid Waste. Jolin agreed this is reasonable as Solid Waste is benefiting by using the haul road. Out of the ordinary situations (hazardous waste, etc.) would need to be addressed individually.

Motion by Mott to approve Bilogan drawing up papers for the withdrawal of the 21.86 acres with Solid Waste covering the cost of obtaining new forest to offset the loss of this county forest. Jolin in agreement as long as other options are exhausted first (Gillette Wickham and current Solid Waste property). Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS REGARDING FUNDED AND/OR CLUB SPONSORED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

VanRaalte provided a handout listing six potential options based on private landowner wishing to have the county cover their liability insurance.

Most of the options would create additional costs, potentially affect economies for the county and/or individual owners, and/or not viable from a snowmobile club perspective.

Assistant Corporate Counsel is currently sending correspondence to Roland Fir to try to finalize a new contract for the upcoming season(s).

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT; ONEIDA COUNTY ORDINANCE SECTION 3.09

Previously the committee requested this change to allow the Forestry Director to use discretion when temporary access across county forest lands is requested by loggers, utility companies, etc. Current ordinance requires committee and board approval for access outside of logging use.

This is a joint resolution with the Administration Committee.

Motion by Pence to approve the changes to ordinance Section 3.09 to allow the Forestry Director to approve access across county forest lands. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSS/ACT ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF KNOWLES NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Mott believes Oneida County has probably received more money than any other county in Wisconsin under the Knowles Nelson Stewardship program and feels the county needs to show support of this program.

VanRaalte proposed additional verbiage to line 21 & 22 relating to the amount of forest land and timber inventory which helps keep property taxes among the lowest in the state.

Motion by Mott to approve the revised resolution in support of continuation of Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

PERCH LAKE SHELTER – NEW BOILER

Option to either spend a few thousand dollars to fix the old boiler and hope it would remain functional or spend \$7,495 to purchase a new boiler. Bilogan opted to purchase a new one as the old one was already ten years old and having some issues. Informed Sorensen as soon as the issue was identified.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$179,572.91 were presented to the committee. Included are two large payments to contractors for the Pel-Cho ATV Grant that will be reimbursed by the state. Line Item Transfers to cover remaining 2018 expenses were presented in addition to a 2019 line item transfer to cover the new boiler at Perch Lake was presented.

Motion by Almekinder to approve vouchers as presented. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Mott to approve final line item transfers for 2018. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Pence to approve line item transfer for 2019. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Mott to approve mileage expense for Bilogan. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Les Felbab asked a question regarding businesses paying snowmobile clubs for grooming a trail to their business. Bilogan explained this is most likely happening through map advertising.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Future Recreational Development Projects
- Special Meeting – May 15, 2019 to award bid for ATV Grant Trail Rehabilitation
- Roland Fir Contract Update

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Vice Chair VanRaalte adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY