

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: April 5, 2023

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Winkler, Schultz (via Zoom), Sorgel (via Zoom)
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
RASTA: Guy Hansen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- At Chair Almekinder's request, Vice Chair Winkler called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 Briggs to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at Vice Chair's discretion. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

- Motion by Briggs to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

- *YTD Timber Stumpage Report* – Fiene reported stumpage for March was \$94,867.03 for YTD total of \$312,913.85. Things are pretty much shut down due to road limits.
- *Timber Sale Extensions* – Fiene recommends 90-day extensions for sale #1724 Cloverland Logging, #1728 & #1731 Futurewood Corporation, and 1-year, 0% increase extensions for #1743 & #1744 Wayne Wagler Forest Products.
- Sorgel joined via Zoom at 3:38 p.m.
 - Motion by Briggs to approve the timber sale extensions as recommended by Fiene. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.
- *Discuss/Approve Site Prep Bid* – Fiene explained the difficulty in getting bids for the pine plantation site prep project. After multiple attempts, the department received one bid from Future Forests, Inc. \$180 per acre which is within the budget of \$200 per acre.
 - Motion by Schultz to approve the site prep bid as recommended. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE BAT HABITAT CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION & RESOLUTION

- Fiene explained the original template agreement that was presented last month has been replaced with the current application provided to the committee. The application does not need County Board approval so the department is recommending committee approval to complete and submit the application at this time. Once the application receives approval by the WDNR, the final agreement and resolution will be brought to the committee and county board for approval.
- Motion by Briggs to complete and forward the application to the WDNR. Second by Winkler. All aye, motion carried.

WCFA SUMMER TOUR – JUNEAU & VERNON COUNTIES, JUNE 20-22, 2023

- *Approve Staff / Committee Attendance & Out of County Travel* - Fiene informed the committee that the meeting will be held in Mauston.
- Motion by Briggs to approve staff and committee attendance and out of county travel for the 2023 WCFA summer tour. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

- Almekinder joined the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINER LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

- Fiene met with Dave Walters and Tracy Beckman to discuss installation and necessary permits needed for the ADA compliant kayak launch/fishing pier.

REVIEW/APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

- Fiene provided an overview of the department's 2022 annual report including department revenue, recreational use, accomplishments and project updates.
- Motion by Briggs to approve the 2022 Forestry Annual Report and forward to County Board. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

- Vouchers totaled \$65,863.86 for March. Approximately \$17,000 was grant funding for the snowmobile trail maintenance to cover expenses from storm damage in December 2022. Additionally, about \$47,000 was used to purchase a new Forestry truck as approved by the committee from the 2023 forestry budget.
- Motion by Winkler to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Guy Hansen suggested a tour of recreational facilities, etc. for the forestry committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – May 3, 2023
- Award Timber Sale Bids
- Bat Habitat Conservation Plan Agreement & Resolution

ADJOURNMENT

- With business completed, Vice Chair Winkler adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

JIM WINKLER
VICE CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY