

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** May 1, 2019

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Committee Members: Chair Sorensen, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder  
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Tischendorf

Lisa Jolin, Solid Waste; Bart Sexton; Guy Hansen, Phil Newcomb, Brian Hegge, Scott Watson, RASTA; Bob Schuch, Carol Huber, Private Landowners

### **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 Mott. Fiene stated that the amended agendas were not posted to the website although the original agenda was, and it is Corporation Counsel's recommendation to amend the agenda to strike items 8-10 from the agenda. Motion by VanRaalte to amend the agenda. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Mott to approve the agenda as amended. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Pence. Need to remove bid information verbiage that was carried over from prior meeting. All aye, motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT**

*2019 Stumpage Revenue Report* — Fiene stated April timber sales were \$14,211.16. No activity since road limits were implemented.

*Award Contracts – May Timber Sale* – Fiene handed out high bid results for individual timber tracts. Tract 25-19, the high bid by Roberts Logging was missing log volume, Corporation Counsel's recommendation is to reject bid as incomplete and award to 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bidder, Fink Forest Products. Motion by VanRaalte to award tract 25-19 to Fink Forest Products. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion passes.

Tract 4-18, the high bid by Country Forest Products had a balsam bid below the minimum advertised price. Futurewood was the 2<sup>nd</sup> high bid; however, there was a calculation error that would not affect the bid pricing. Corporation Counsel's recommendation is to reject both bids; however, forestry department's recommendation is to reject Country Forest Products as ineligible due to not meeting the minimum bid on balsam and accept Futurewood's bid. Discussion about rejecting all bids due to significant difference in bids and re-offering the tract for sale.

Motion by Mott to rebid tract 4-18. Second by Sorensen. Roll call vote: Mott, aye. Pence, no. Almekinder, no. Sorensen, aye. VanRaalte, no. Motion failed.

Motion by Pence to award tract 4-18 to Futurewood Corp. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Tracts 21-17, 20-18, and 21-18 did not receive any bids and will be re-offered in June.

Motion by VanRaalte to award remaining bids as recommended to the high bidder. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

### **SOLID WASTE ALTERNATIVE DEMOLITION SITE PROPOSAL**

Fiene provided background regarding the previous proposed site and the decision by the Forestry Committee to have Solid Waste identify an alternative site.

Sexton/Fiene provided hand outs showing a new proposed site that is located about a ½ mile west of the current closed sanitary landfill.

Several members of RASTA (Hansen, Newcomb, Hegge) expressed opposition to the proposed site due to the proximity/interference of the Washburn trail system. Bob Schuch, private landowner on Trout Creek Road also expressed opposition to the proposed site. Carol Huber, private landowner on County Park Road, requested to know why the previous site was no longer an option.

Consensus by the committee to explore other sites/options including north of Trout Creek Road and to include construction costs, costs of an additional weigh station, cost of transfer station.

### **RASTA – PERCH LAKE PARK ROCK n' ROOT RACE REQUEST**

RASTA is again requesting approval to allow camping for their race event scheduled for July 20, 2019.

Concerns brought forth by Phil Kriesel, Woodboro Town Chair regarding parking on County Park Road limiting emergency vehicle access. It is the responsibility of the town and/or county to enforce parking restrictions for larger events.

Motion by Sorensen to approve special use agreement for RASTA's July event. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

### **2019 WISCONSIN COUNTY FOREST ASSOCIATION SUMMER TOUR & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (JUNE 19-21, 2019) IN BLACK RIVER FALLS**

Motion by VanRaalte to approve per diem for committee and forestry staff and out of county travel. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried. VanRaalte and Mott plan on attending.

### **VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Vouchers totaling \$9,717.18 were presented to the committee. Two timber sale cash deposit refunds are included. Motion by VanRaalte to approve vouchers as presented. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

Line item transfer of \$1,265.00 to bring Habitat Management Continuing Appropriations Account into balance with available funds. Motion by VanRaalte to approve line item transfer. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- May 15<sup>th</sup> – Award ATV Trail Rehabilitation Contract – time of meeting will be 3:30 pm
- Items #8, 9, & 10 stricken from today's agenda including review of access permit language and consideration of a policy for multiple owners using an access road
- Awarding of Washburn Access Road Bid
- Roland Fir Update
- Disposal of Gillette-Wickham cabin
- June meeting – Award Timber Re-sale bids

**ADJOURNMENT**

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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TANYA TISCHENDORF  
RECORDING SECRETARY