

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: May 4, 2022

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Schultz, Sorgel, Winkler
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf, Truitt
WDNR – John Gillen

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 Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Almekinder to approve the minutes of April 6, 2022 meeting. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE/FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Self-introduction of the committee and forestry department members.

Fiene provided the committee with an overview of the personnel, facilities, timber harvesting and Forestry department plans.

ELECTION OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

Almekinder opened nominations for Forestry Committee Vice-Chair.

Schultz nominated Winkler. No other nominations received.

Almekinder closed nominations – Winkler elected Vice-Chair.

DISCUSS/APPROVE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (DAY/TIME)

Consensus of the committee is to keep the meeting at the current day/time. First Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

DISCUSS/APPROVE TOUR OF COUNTY FACILITIES

Fiene explained that with a new committee, the department likes to provide a ½ day tour to familiarize the committee with the Forestry shop, County parks and recreation areas, Enterprise campground, etc.

After committee discussion, tentative tour date set for Wednesday, May 25th from 8:00 am – noon. Plan to meet at the Forestry shop located on Forest Loop Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for April was \$7,455.38 which was residual invoicing from the prior month bringing the total to \$271,656.30 for the year. Fiene cautioned the committee not to expect stumpage revenue like last year due to the current market conditions and lower priced timber.

Award Spring Timber Sale Bids – Twenty-one tracts were offered for sale and fifteen tracts sold with a total of 59 bids received. Fiene provided a brief overview of the timber sale process at Sorgel's request.

Fiene stated there are three high bids from “new” contractors that Oneida County has not contracted with previously. Recommendation to award contracts to high bids pending reference checks for new contractors.

High bids received:

Tract 1-22	Zim Pit Hardwood	Northwest Hardwoods	\$ 36,035.00
Tract 2-22	DW Cheq Sale	Scott Kremsreiter	\$ 33,392.80
Tract 3-22	North-Westerly Hardwood	Central Wisconsin Lumber	\$ 23,076.80
Tract 4-22	Marheine Hardwood	Kleinschmidt Logging	\$ 11,885.00
Tract 5-22	East Bass Aspen	Fink Forest Products	\$ 69,516.00
Tract 6-22	Crab Claw Sale	Fink Forest Products	\$104,530.00
Tract 7-22	Memorial Aspen	Fink Forest Products	\$ 38,276.00
Tract 8-22	Angle Road Aspen	Flannel Fleet Logging	\$ 47,100.00
Tract 9-22	MO’s Last Pine Stand	Kleinschmidt Logging	\$ 9,285.00
Tract 10-22	Canadian National Aspen	TNT Timber Improvement	\$ 67,889.55
Tract 11-22	Campground Hwd Resale	McKee Logging	\$ 6,754.00
Tract 12-22	Not-A-Picnic Hill Resale	Schreiner Forestry	\$ 12,200.00
Tract 7-21	Birch Mound	Flannel Fleet Logging	\$ 19,066.00
Tract 16-21	Rozy Blowdown Sale	Kestler Logging	\$ 19,765.00
Tract 18-21	Big Burl Resale	MH Forestry	\$ 32,232.10

Motion by Winkler to award timber sale bids to highest bidder pending reference checks of new contractors. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY ATV TRAIL OPENING UPDATE

Truitt informed the committee that the ATV Clubs have been out checking trails. Truitt will be working with the clubs on trail inspections over the next couple weeks. Historically the plan is to have trails opened by/around May 22nd.

No set date yet, but anticipating trail opening some time the week of May 16th.

WCFA SUMMER TOUR – RUSK COUNTY, JUNE 22-24, 2022

Fiene provided a brief overview of the Wisconsin County Forest Association (WCFA).

Committee members were approved to attend the summer tour in Ladysmith at the April meeting. Anyone wishing to participate, please work with Tischendorf for accommodations, etc.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLIN LAKE PARK (FTLLP) REQUESTS

Discuss/Approve a Temporary Pier – Fiene was contacted by FTLLP requesting permission to install a temporary pier for the 2nd annual Father’s Day fishing event and potentially for the remainder of the summer.

After consultation with Corporation Counsel, the major concern is liability and not recommended. Fiene will consult further with Corporation Counsel and see if there is a possibility of including an addendum to the FTLLP agreement regarding liability of a temporary pier. FTLLP will check with their insurance as well.

No action taken.

Discuss/Approve a Permanent Pier – FTLLP is requesting permission to install a permanent ADA fishing pier/kayak launch. Fiene is in favor of the proposed location due to water level concerns and proximity to the beach and parking area. Anticipated installation is spring of 2023, with ownership reverting to the County and maintenance of the pier/launch to be determined.

Motion by Winkler to approve moving forward with the installation of a permanent pier/kayak launch at Townline Lake Park. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiene provided departmental highlights for the 2021 annual forestry report.

Motion by Briggs to approve the Forestry Department 2021 Annual Report and forward to the County Board. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers - Vouchers presented totaling \$3,347.03. Approximately \$2,400 was to accessorize the new forestry truck and remove/install radio and lights from the old truck to the new truck.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Casey, Treasurer inquired about planting shade trees by Townline Lake beach area.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Committee Tour – May 25, 2022
- Next meeting – June 1, 2022
- FTLLP – Temporary Pier Liability Update

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

ROBERT ALMEKINDER
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY