

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: May 6, 2020

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

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

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 Pence. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of March 4, 2020 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion by Mott to nominate VanRaalte. Second by Almekinder. No further nominations. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT – YTD STUMPAGE REPORT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for April of \$14,227.48 with a year-to-date total of \$678,896.36. Good start to the year; however, have heard the markets have not been good.

Award Contracts – May Timber Sale – Opened bids on Monday, May 4th and received bids on 7 of 12 offered tracts. Tracts that did not sell are re-sale ash jobs that require crossing swamps. Twenty-six total bids received. Estimated revenue for tracts sold were 182% of the minimum bid (approximately \$220,000 over minimum bid prices).

Motion by Pence to award bids to highest bidder as provided on timber sale bid results handout. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

UPDATE/APPROVE TOWN OF LYNNE WILSON PIT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Fiene explained the current contract with the Town of Lynne provides exclusive rights to the town for all materials within the Wilson Pit which is owned by the county.

Corporation Counsel drafted an amendment for the committee to approve revising the contract to eliminate the exclusivity.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the Town of Lynne Wilson Pit Contract Amendment. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE BCPL REQUEST TO PURCHASE PIT RUN FROM WILSON PIT

Fiene received a request from BCPL to purchase approximately 200-300 yards of pit run from the Wilson Pit to rehabilitate an access road.

Motion by Mott to approve the BCPL request to purchase pit run from the Wilson Pit. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

COVID-19 DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Fiene explained the Forestry Department has been working from home or out in the field. Tischendorf does report to the office occasionally to take care of vouchers and deposits. The office phone has been forwarded as well.

More recently we have been requested to furlough employees if possible and only work on essential and critical duties. Fiene and Rady continue to work full time. The remainder of the department have been furloughed on a part-time basis. Furlough time is dependent on the work load necessary to open the campground, parks and ATV trails. At this time we have delayed the return of the two park LTE's.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting scheduled for June 3, 2020
- BTG Update (if any)
- Prior agenda items from prior meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY