

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

**DATE:** May 15, 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, Rady, Tischendorf

Tom Wiensch, Assistant Corporation Counsel

### **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 Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of May 1, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

### **TIMBER SALE TRACT 5-19 – BID ERROR, RECONSIDER AWARDING OF BID**

Additional error was discovered on bid awarded to Futurewood Corp. The bid for mixed hardwood was below the minimum advertised price. Recommendation from Corporation Counsel to rescind the prior awarding of bid for Tract 5-19 from May 1, 2019 and award to 2<sup>nd</sup> highest bidder.

Motion by Pence to rescind the prior motion awarding Tract 5-19 to Futurewood Corp on May 1, 2019 due to an ineligible bid. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by VanRaalte to award Tract 5-19 to Wiitala & Vozka with a bid of \$81,274.00. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

### **AWARD ATV REHAB BID CONTRACT**

Rady explained the scope of the rehabilitation project to the committee. The bid was offered with two options – a bid for the total 5.2 miles or a bid for 3.6 miles.

We sent out approximately 15 bid packets; however, received only two bids. The first bid was for the entire project with a bid of \$99,730.00 from Musson Brothers, Inc. and the second bid was for partial project with a bid of \$94,675.35 from QSP Utility.

Recommendation to accept the bid from Musson Brothers, Inc.

Motion by VanRaalte to award the contract to Musson Brothers, Inc. for the entire length of the project for \$99,730.00 Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

**BACKES WITHDRAWAL UPDATE**

Received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources dated May 13, 2019 stating the withdrawal application was denied as presented for several reasons.

Discussion regarding current access and right of way. Sorensen requested Fiene provide Mr. Backes a copy of the DNR denial and suggest he research access with a title company.

**PRIVATE ACCESS PERMITS**

Wiensch explained there is a County Forest logging road that crosses several parcels of County Forest land before crossing private parcels. One of the private landowners, Veronica Green, requested and was approved to complete emergency repairs to the road in order to access her property for medical reasons.

Recommendation to revise current access policy and form to encompass access for multiple landowners, clarify policy for a parcel with multiple owners, and review access permit fees.

Corporation Counsel will draft proposed revisions for the committee.

**APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETING**

VanRaalte moved to convene in Closed Session at 4:16 p.m. for the following purpose: Pursuant to Sec.19.85 (1)(C) Concerning employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. (Topic – Approve closed session minutes from the December 5, 2018 committee meeting.) Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Unanimous roll call vote to return to open session at 4:19 p.m. Chair Sorensen announced a motion was made to approve closed session minutes from December 5, 2018.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Matt Caruthers, a consulting Forester, expressed concern regarding the current access policy. On behalf of his clients, would ask the committee to review the permit fees as well.

Sorensen requested Fiene discuss easements and land lock statutes further with Corporation Counsel.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- Award June Timber Sale Bids
- Award Washburn Haul Road Bid Contract
- Roland Fir Land Use Agreement Update
- Gillette/Wickham – Cabin Disposal Options
- Solid Waste Alternative Demolition Site Update
- Access Permit Policy Update

**ADJOURNMENT**

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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TANYA TISCHENDORF  
RECORDING SECRETARY