

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: June 5, 2019

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

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

Tom Wiensch, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Brian Hegge, Guy Hansen – RASTA; Steve Moran – Northern Trails Unlimited Snowmobile Club

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 amended agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried. Sorensen stated that the Solid Waste Department rescinded the request for the demo site within the RASTA trail area.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YEAR-TO-DATE STUMPAGE REPORT – Fiene reported stumpage revenue for May at \$1,751.20. Two timber jobs have started and with areas drying up, we should start to see some additional income.

AWARD JUNE TIMBER SALE BIDS – No bids were received.

AWARD WASHBURN HAUL ROAD BID CONTRACT

Two bids were received: Oneida County Highway Department quote was \$51,557.66 or \$18,413.45 per mile and Musson Brothers was \$73,960.00 or \$29,683.00 per mile. Total grant dollars available is \$48,826 of which approximately \$3,000 is ear marked for DNR dozing, an additional \$3,000 for gates, seed and other miscellaneous expenses, leaving about \$42,826 for the graveling portion. The plan would be to use the per mile bid and finish about 2.3 miles of the project with the recommendation of accepting the Oneida County Highway quote.

Motion by Pence to accept the quote from Oneida County Highway. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

GILLETTE-WICKHAM – CABIN DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Rady has been in contact with various fire departments and Nicolet College looking into the option of burning the cabin. Will need an asbestos test at an approximate cost of \$400 - \$900 along with a permit through the state. Very early in the process to provide the committee with a definite cost of disposal. Fiene will report back as more information becomes available.

DISCUSSION OF ONEIDA COUNTY DESIGNATED SILENT SPORT TRAIL AREAS RE: PROPOSED DEMOLITION LANDFILL SITE & RASTA OBJECTION TO PROPOSED SITE –

UPON REVIEW, THE COMMITTEE MAY ENDORSE, AMEND OR RESCIND PRIOR RESOLUTIONS ON THIS ITEM

Solid Waste has pulled their request to locate a new demolition site within the area currently used for Silent Sports trails.

Fiene provided background information. Back in 2007/2008 the committee approved an expansion for the landfill and submitted a withdrawal request to the state. In May 2008, the committee approved a designated area for the silent trails area and RASTA re-routed the snowmobile trail around the ski trail system. The approval of a designated silent trails area does not affect the county's ability to offer timber sales within this area.

RASTA also provided a letter dated June 3, 2019 stating their position regarding the previous request by the Solid Waste department for the proposed demolition site.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH RASTA FOR ADDING CONCRETE FLOOR TO GROOMER SHED ON NOSE LAKE SKI TRAIL

RASTA would like to put in a concrete floor into the shed that RASTA build on Hancock/Nose Lake Road. Corporation Counsel drafted an agreement between the County and RASTA to approve the request.

Motion by Mott to approve agreement with RASTA to add a concrete floor to the groomer shed on Nose Lake ski trail with approval from RASTA and Corporation Counsel. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

ROLAND FIR LAND USE AGREEMENT UPDATE

Fiene introduced Renik as one of the department foresters. Renik also manages the snowmobile program for the county.

Renik provided update regarding the current agreement with Roland Fir. There have been several communications between the County and the representative for Roland Fir. Currently there has not been any significant progress on an agreement for the 2019-2020 season.

The committee agreed to wait until the July 2019 meeting for any progress with the agreement with Roland Fir. If no progress, there will need to be discussion regarding alternate options.

Moran expressed concern regarding the trail system if agreement cannot be made. Approval by corporation counsel to provide Moran with copies of the current Roland Fir and BTG contracts.

2019 STAFFING REQUEST – LIMITED TERM EMPLOYEES (LTE'S)

The forestry department is requesting 500 hours for limited term ranger position at \$15.00 per hour and 1,000 hours for limited term park laborer position(s) at \$14.25 per hour at step 3 for the 2020 budget year. Mott questioned the increase on the park laborer position and Fiene stated the wage was directly from the wage schedule.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve limited term employee staffing requests for 2020. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

CONSIDER THE POLICY AND FORM FOR CONTRACT/LICENSES FOR PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT OWN LAND ADJACENT TO COUNTY FOREST LAND WHO WISH TO OBTAIN THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT OR IMPROVE LOGGING ROADS ON COUNTY FOREST IN ORDER TO ACCESS THEIR LANDS

Opinion of Wiensch that the “access permit” is not an accurate description as a person already has access to county forest land. The permit actually provides approval for the permittee to construct or improve logging roads on county forest land.

Wiensch drafted a new contract; however, the current policy and contract are included in the 15 year plan and would need to amend the 15 year plan to revise the access policy and agreement. Discussion by the committee on whether to update the contract and amend the current 15 year plan.

Consensus of the committee is to continue with the current contract and policy and have a re-written version ready for the next 15 year plan for 2021.

Motion by VanRaalte to postpone discussion of the access contract to July. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

ACCESS REQUEST BY TERZINSKI: 4118 GOODYEAR LK RD, CA 900-3, NW ¼ SE ¼ SECTION 26, T37N R7E TOWN OF CASSIAN

There is an existing road that was built around 1999 by a landowner (Pienkowski) to access his property. The committee agreed to the access permit and Pienkowski gave the county an easement for the snowmobile trail. A letter signed by Rick Rollman, former county administrator, indicates that the right to use the new road would be granted to all the lot owners of this area.

Four other landowners have since built stub roads off Goodyear Lake Road onto their land. None of these landowners has access permits.

An additional landowner has been accessing her land from a neighbor’s stub road and is now concerned her access may be eliminated as the neighbor is selling their property.

Motion by Mott to suggest Terzinski work with Pienkowski to improve the road to provide her access. If this is not acceptable, then allow her to get an access permit at an approximate cost of \$525. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers totaling \$44,374.48 were presented including \$25,591 to Rhinelander GM for a new parks truck, \$4,528.00 for the Gravely lawn mower, \$6,514.99 performance bond refund to Futurewood and \$3,105.29 performance bond refund to Verso.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hansen identified a concern with the RASTA agreement for the concrete floor.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

- Consideration of Accepting Corporate Surety Bond for Timber Sale Deposits
 - Refer to Corporation Counsel for Recommendation
- July Meeting Date
 - Due to the July 4th holiday, the meeting will be re-scheduled for July 10, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.
- Roland Fir and BTG Land Use Agreement Update
- Solid Waste Alternative Demolition Site Update – Proposed Demolition Site #4, option

- Consider the Policy and Form for Contract/Licenses for Private Entities That Own Land Adjacent to County Forest Land Who Wish to Obtain the Right to Construct or Improve Logging Roads on County Forest in Order to Access Their Lands Update

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY