

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: June 13, 2023

TIME: 8:00 a.m. County Board Room, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Committee Members: Winkler, Briggs, Schultz, Sorgel
Excused Absence: Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
WDNR: Hillary Keller; RASTA: Guy Hansen; FTLLP: Tracy Beckman, Paul Schramke

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Winkler called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.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 Sorgel to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Schultz to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023 meeting. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Timber Stumpage Report – Fiene reported May stumpage of \$5,108.35 and June so far with \$42,078.20 bringing the year-to-date total to \$362,271.03 which is below the 5-year average. Markets are pretty slow right now with very little timber sale activity.

ACCESS PERMITS

Discuss/Approve License Language Change - Fiene explained the current access agreement verbiage is tailored towards property ownership of individuals rather than entities (corporations, etc.) that provide a termination clause based on the sale of the property or the death of the last living individual on the deed.

With Corporation Counsel's recommendation, Fiene is proposing additional verbiage including a 25-year termination clause for "non-natural persons" (corporations, etc.).

Motion by Briggs to approve the updated language as proposed. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Access Request & Resolution for Camp Chick-A-Dee, LLC – NENW Sec. 29 T37N R4E, Town of Lynne – Fiene stated this is a very simple access request on an existing driveway crossing approximately 100 feet of County Forest.

Landowner Chuck Richards, spoke regarding the certified survey of the property.

Motion by Briggs to approve the access permit request resolution and forward to the County Board as consent agenda. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

2024 STAFFING REQUEST – LIMITED TERM EMPLOYEES (LTE'S)

Fiene went over the 2024 LTE staffing requests for park laborer's and the forestry ranger position. Positions and hours remain the same as 2023 request.

Motion by Sorgel to approve the LTE staffing requests for 2024 as presented. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

Tracy Beckman was excited to share the kayak launch/pier was installed in May with assistance from the Forestry Department. Still looking to develop an ADA path to the pier yet this year.

Discuss/Approve Proposed Special Events Agreement – FTLLP are looking to hold their annual Father’s Day fishing event, a Beach Party event combined with ribbon-cutting for the kayak launch/pier, and their Music in the Bowl fundraising event in August.

Motion by Schultz to approve the proposed special events agreement with FTLLP. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers for the month totaled \$121,955.39 including \$109,806.47 for the final payment to Musson’s for the Monico ATV Connector project. Additionally there were three months on gasoline charges from the OC Hwy department of approximately \$3,000 and almost \$3,600 to replace/repair culverts for county forest roads.

Motion by Sorgel to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Guy Hansen reported RASTA contracted with the McNaughton crew for some work on the trails.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – July 11, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.
- Bat Habitat & Conservation Agreement & Resolution
- Friends of Townline Lake Park Update
- Possible Direct Contract for Bridge REFP for Snowmobile Re-route on the North Branch of the Pelican River

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Vice-Chair Winkler adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

JIM WINKLER
VICE-CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY