

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: August 3, 2022

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Winkler (via Zoom) Schultz (via Zoom), Sorgel (via Zoom)
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, 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 Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

Schultz joined via Zoom at 3:32 p.m.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for July was \$72,076.55 for a year-to-date total of \$474,657.81. Year-to-date revenue continues to be significantly behind the last few years. Currently have five active jobs.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ADVERTISING & BID OPENING DATE FOR SALE OF HWY Q PARCEL EN-563, T35N R9E, SEC. 36 SE ¼ NE ¼, TOWN OF ENTERPRISE

Fiene provided a brief summary regarding the sale of this parcel of land which was previously approved by County Board.

Motion by Winkler to approve October 4, 2022 as the bid deadline and opening date and awarding the sale at the October 5, 2022 Forestry Committee meeting. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

AWARD BID – CDBG PROJECT: ALMON PARK SHELTERS

Fiene informed the committee of the single bid received by Ellis Construction from Stevens Point for \$134,700. Fiene provided a brief overview regarding the process of the CDBG project and original estimate of \$60,000 with estimated funding from CDBG of \$85,000. It is the Finance Director's opinion that the County will be able to re-allocated CDBG funds from other projects to help cover the overage. Consultant will be requesting approval from the state to award the project to the single bidder.

Discussion regarding additional funds, payment to contractor and demolition time frame by Highway department.

Sorgel joined via Zoom at 3:38 p.m.

Motion by Winkler to authorize the Forestry Director to award the contract to Ellis Construction only upon notification by DEHCR that all bidding requirements have been met. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE FORESTRY DIRECTOR TO AUTHORIZE OUT OF COUNTY TRAVEL FOR FORESTRY STAFF AS NECESSARY

ORV Council Grant Funding Meeting (Wausau Area) – August 31, 2022 – Fiene explained that there are typically a couple meetings annually that are held in central Wisconsin. Only expenses incurred are gasoline and lunch costs. Fiene is requesting approval from the committee to authorize the Forestry Director to allow out of county travel for one-day meetings as necessary.

Motion by Winkler to direct and authorize the Forestry Director to approve staff attendance for one-day meetings. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

WCFA ANNUAL MEETING IN MINOCQUA – SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2022

Approve Staff and Committee to Attend - \$40 Registration fee for participants. Winkler stated County Board will be meeting on September 27th.

Motion by Winkler to approve staff and any committee members to attend the WCFA meeting in Minocqua September 27th – 29th. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE DUMP TRAILER PURCHASE

Fiene and Huber, Oneida County Facilities Director had a discussion regarding the many benefits of having a dual axle dump trailer available for projects and maintenance. Fiene is requesting approval to fund half the purchase of the trailer (approximately \$5,500) from the Forestry Equipment account and Buildings & Grounds would fund the remaining 50% and store the trailer at the River Street Storage Building. Fore

Motion by Winkler to authorize up to \$6,000 from the Forestry Equipment account to pay for half of a dump trailer. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

Tracy Beckman provided a brief report including: adding engraved plates to picnic tables honoring the donors, continue to collect trash, mow and rake; hoping to hold another event yet this year; Worker's Comp insurance update; and fundraising update for the fishing pier/kayak launch. The next board meeting will be at the park on August 4th as a public meeting.

EMAIL TO WDNR REGARDING GILLETTE / WICKHAM LAKES

The Forestry Committee was copied on an email sent to the Wisconsin DNR regarding Gillette / Wickham Lakes and a request for special regulations.

Fiene was copied on the response from the WDNR, stating the request will be forwarded on to the local fisheries team supervisor and fish biologist.

No motion made, informational only.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers - Vouchers presented totaling \$57,156.10. Annual trail maintenance for 2020-21 of \$36,480.00 was paid to the ATV clubs, \$6,000.00 paid to MSA Engineering for the Almon Shelter project, a performance bond refund of \$6,676.10 to Steve Dassow for a completed timber sale, \$1,869.66 for a safety cabinet to store gasoline and fuel and \$2,290.00 to the WI Department of Corrections for raking and tree removal at Almon Park and campground firewood.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gillen, WDNR announced the lateral transfer of a WDNR forester to the liaison position starting August 14th. A new technician has been hired as well.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – September 7, 2022
- 2023 Forestry Budget
- Almon Shelter Update
- FTLLP Update

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

ROBERT ALMEKINDER
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY