

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: October 7, 2020

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Sorensen, VanRaalte, Pence, Almekinder, Mott
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf,
DNR Liaison: Oradei

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 Almekinder to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

VanRaalte and Mott arrived at 3:32 p.m.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of September 2, 2020 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020 FLR Committee meeting/Open House. Second by Sorensen. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT – YTD STUMPAGE REPORT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported county forest stumpage for September is \$165,793.18 bringing the year-to-date total to \$974,556.28. Currently there are zero active jobs right now.

November Timber Sale – Fiene stated the plan is to open bids on November 2nd and award bids at the November 4th FLRC meeting.

WCFA FALL MEETING UPDATE

The annual WCFA fall meeting was held on September 24, 2020 in Rothschild and via Zoom. Fiene and VanRaalte attended in person.

Restructure of WCFA membership dues to include \$50,000 grant reimbursement through Sustainable Forestry grant pro-rated by percentage of country forest acreage. Includes an increase in dues calculation from prior \$0.05 per acre. Oneida County will receive approximately \$1,800 from the grant which will provide a savings of about \$830 in membership dues.

The WCFA office has moved to the Lincoln County service center in Merrill. Fiene can provide any contact information if needed.

Certification audit was completed and for the 2nd year in a row, there weren't any infractions. The state was audited this fall as well and they received a clean audit.

The Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association is trying to form a cooperative with the intention of purchasing the Wisconsin Rapids pulp mill and determine the viability of the paper mill.

WCFA opposes the proposed ATV/UTV width and weight changes from last month's meeting.

PURCHASE OF CLEMENTS PROPERTY, PARCEL LR 38, SEC.3, T36 R5E

Offer to Purchase Agreement – Drafted by Tom Wiensch, Assistant Corporation Counsel offering to purchase Clements property for appraised value of \$32,000.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the offer to purchase agreement. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

County Board Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for Knowles-Nelson – Motion by Mott to approve the resolution and pass it on to County Board. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

BURROWS GRAVEL PIT RECLAMATION

The Town of Little Rice is looking for approval from the county on the reclamation efforts of the Burrows gravel pit. Looking for information from the town regarding their plans for the stumps that have recently been hauled in and concrete culverts and slabs that have been there for years.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the reclamation done by the town to date with a contingency on determining who put the stumps there and what is going to be done with them in the future. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

TROUT CREEK DOG TRAINING AREA CONTRACT

Updated agreement drafted to contract directly with Pitlik and have Fetzer pay Pitlik.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the contract between the county and Pitlik. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

OSTERMAN & KRIESEL ACCESS REQUEST

Two private parcels that have an access drive across county forest. Both land owners, Osterman and Kriesel are requesting access agreements with the county.

Motion by Almekinder to approve the access requests for Osterman and Kriesel. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

15-YEAR PLAN DRAFT

Review / Approve Final Draft - The Committee has approved each of the draft chapters. This final draft will include the public comments read at the Open House meeting. Minor spelling/grammatical changes were also included.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the 15-year plan final draft and send to the DNR for their review. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Motion by VanRaalte to approve vouchers in the amount of \$12,363.72. The majority of this, approximately \$9,000 was to the Highway department for repair of the forestry department dump truck. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sorensen thanked Fiene and Tischendorf for the outstanding job in front of the finance committee. Also thanked the committee members that are a part of the finance committee.

Fiene thanked the committee for the support in developing the budget and also thanked Eric and the rest of the staff for their part of the recreational budget.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Burrows Gravel Pit Reclamation Update
- Enterprise Gravel Pit Concerns

- ATV Trail Route Endorsements
- Gillette-Wickham Potential ADA Development Update
- Next Meeting – October 9, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Gillette-Wickham property
- November 4, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. regular scheduled FLRC meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY