

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 2, 2022

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Schultz, Sorgel (via zoom)
Winkler - Excused
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
Corporation Counsel: Mike Fugle

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 Schultz 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 September 7, 2022 meeting. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for October was \$93,119.09 for a year-to-date total of \$970,475.55. There are currently three active jobs.

Award November Timber Sale Contracts – Fiene stated all eleven tracts were sold with a total of 39 bids of which five were disqualified for various errors. Fiene’s recommendation to award to high bidders as shown.

High bids received:	Tract 13-22	Al Mann Logging	\$ 15,426.25
	Tract 14-22	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	\$119,000.00
	Tract 15-22	Tigerton Lumber Company	\$ 32,113.50
	Tract 16-22	Bell Timber, Inc.	\$ 29,746.90
	Tract 17-22	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	\$ 57,497.00
	Tract 18-22	Wilson Forestry	\$158,100.00
	Tract 19-22	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	\$192,565.00
	Tract 20-22	Kleinschmidt Logging	\$ 7,385.00
	Tract 21-22	Al Mann Logging	\$ 9,750.00
	Tract 22-22	Flannel Fleet Logging	\$ 54,982.50
	Tract 12-21	Wiitala & Vozka Logging	\$ 82,120.00

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

2022/23 FORESTRY TRUCK BID/AWARD UPDATE

Fiene was contacted by Brickners Park City and was informed they would not be able to provide a fleet vehicle as originally bid. They did provide an alternate vehicle option that does not fully meet bid specifications. Fiene recommends re-bidding as the alternate vehicle does not meet specifications and the Ford dealer confirmed they are able to order fleet vehicles through the end of the month.

Motion by Briggs to re-bid for a 2023 Forestry work truck. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

ALMON SHELTERS UPDATE

Fiene stated the Almon Shelters are done with the exception of a few items on the punch list. Final staining of the posts will not happen until spring 2023. Highway department should be finishing the asphalt paths this week. Finalizing paperwork for CDBG grant administrator so reimbursement can be requested.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

FTLLP Update – Beckman went over the update provided by FTLLP. Looking to host another fundraising event next summer.

Pier Donation – Fiene explained this is the 2nd pier donation request by FTLLP. This pier is in better condition and a well-built pier that would become a permanent pier. Fiene needs to confirm with Corporation Counsel before approving the donation of the pier.

Motion by Schultz to accept the pier donation pending Corporation Counsel approval and ensuring the pier is up to code. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2023 RASTA TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Fiene stated there were a few minor changes incorporated from the prior contract regarding some mowing responsibilities when time permits.

Motion by Briggs to approve the 2023 RASTA Trail Maintenance Contract. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee and (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session. (Topics – Forestry Director Performance Evaluation and Goals, Zimmer Road in Enterprise, Gravel Crushing Contract and Approve Closed Session Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2022) AND it is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

The committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session.

Motion by Schultz to go into closed session at 3:50 p.m. Second by Briggs. Roll call vote: All aye.

Motion to return to open session at 4:35 p.m. Roll call vote: All aye.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Almekinder stated the committee evaluated the Forestry Director, received advice regarding Zimmer Road Gravel Crushing and approved the closed session minutes from October 5, 2022.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers - Vouchers presented totaling \$57,581.72 Majority of expenses were timber sale performance bond refunds. Additional \$1,000 to A-1 Septic for park and campground toilet pumping and \$1,948 to Wisconsin Department of Corrections for the McNaughton crew for road brushing, campground firewood and Townline Lake Park trees.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – December 7, 2022
- Forestry Long Range Plan
- Forestry Work Plan - 2023
- 2023 RASTA Trail Maintenance Contract
- Almon Shelter Update
- FTLLP Update & Donation of a Pier
- Forestry Director's Evaluation and Goals

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

ROBERT ALMEKINDER
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY