

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 13, 2018

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

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, VanRaalte, Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Tischendorf

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Sorensen called the meeting to order at 2:30 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 agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 FLR Committee meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sorensen personally called Brooks Little John to inform him of the meeting. Little John was to inform the tribe.

At the November 7, 2018 FLRC meeting, the committee received a signed letter by Joseph Wildcat, Sr., Lac du Flambeau President, regarding the tribe's opposition to mining in the Town of Lynne and/or Oneida County.

Dee Allen spoke on behalf of the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council. Wanted to express the council's interest in a consultation/discussion with the county regarding their concerns with any proposed mining in Oneida County.

The Oneida County UW Extension invited the tribe's UW Extension office person to participate in a meeting earlier in the year. The council decided they would not participate as they felt the group was biased and pro mining.

Allen stated that the council does not feel the county is listening to the tribe's concerns. Extending open communications on behalf of the tribe as we move ahead.

Tom Jerow participated in government negotiations for over 15 years. Jerow explained tribes want government-to-government communication rather than public meetings.

Jill Hunger from Minocqua brought forth concerns with short notice provided to meeting participants expecting them to re-arrange their schedules. Invitees should have been given more notice to prepare for the meeting. Hunger voted against mining in Oneida County and feels the county government needs to recognize the results of the referendum.

BURROWS ATV BRIDGE CONTRACT

Mott moved to convene in Closed Session at 2:45 p.m. for the following purpose: Pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(e)(g) Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the Governmental body with respect to litigation. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Unanimous roll call vote to return to open session. Chair Sorensen announced a motion was made and approved to dismiss the lawsuit against McMullen and Pitz Construction company in regards to the construction of the Burrows bridges.

DISCUSS & APPROVE DNR CWD DEER SURVEILLANCE PERMITS ON COUNTY FOREST LAND

Bilogan and VanRaalte completed this last week.

KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP – LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPROVAL

Friday, November 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. – the FLRC will meet at the land to inspect and inventory the property.

Received the grant and should close on the property on November 19, 2018. Grant was for \$547,485.

Bilogan did meet and inform the Town of Enterprise the grant was approved and Oneida County would be taking over the maintenance of John’s Memorial Road as a county road. Bilogan’s opinion would be to invite the Town of Enterprise to participate when a plan is decided for the property. Mott suggested a letter of thanks signed by the committee.

Sorensen would like to see trails and fishing piers developed for disabled American veterans as well as other disabled persons.

Sorensen prefers to keep the gates in place to restrict vehicle access at this time.

DRAFT OF ONEIDA COUNTY 2019-2023 OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

No corrections or concerns by the committee.

RESOLUTION FOR FIVE-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (ORP) 2019-2023

Motion by VanRaalte to approve and adopt the Outdoor Recreation Plan and forward to the County Board. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON MINING REFERENDUM RESULTS

VanRaalte believes the referendum results are affirmation by the electorate of the action the County Board took in 2012 and the committee should honor the wishes of the people.

Mott would have preferred the referendum to include a 2nd question regarding overall mining in Oneida County as well as the question specific to mining in the Town of Lynne.

VOUCHERS AND/OR LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Voucher presented for Mike Fugle, Corporate Counsel for mileage reimbursement for attending the Eagle Mine Tour. As a county vehicle was used to provide transportation and Fugle drove separately to conduct Corporate Counsel business, the committee agreed to have the expense covered under the Corporate Counsel budget.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve vouchers and line item transfers as presented. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

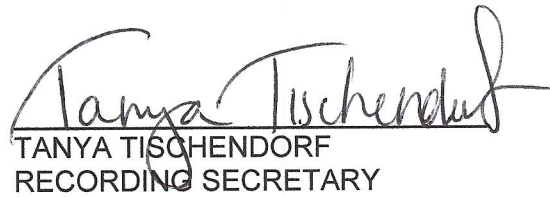
- November 16, 2018 meeting to inspect Gillette / Wickham property
- Review and Approve Forestry Department Long Range Plan
- 2019 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan
- Forestry Director's Annual Performance Review
- Connor Forest Management Payment Update
- January meeting will be moved to January 9th due to the holiday

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by VanRaalte to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.



JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR



TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY