

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: December 1, 2021

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Sorensen, VanRaalte, Pence, Mott
Absent: Almekinder
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
WDNR – Manny Oradei, Hilary Keller

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

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of November 3, 2021 meeting. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT – YTD STUMPAGE REPORT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported county forest stumpage for November was \$90,623.25 and year-to-date stumpage total of \$1,514,875.00. Things are slowing down, but currently have 7-8 active jobs.

Connor Forest Management Payment Update – Fiene reiterated that the County cancelled two contracts with Connor and the remaining contract is sitting at an outstanding balance of \$106,140.77 of which about \$100,000 is past due. We have currently charged them \$2,263.88 in late fees.

Motion by VanRaalte to authorize the Forestry Director to consult with Corporation Counsel to facilitate collection. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ACCESS AGREEMENT: TERZINSKI NWSE SEC. 26 T37N R7E TOWN OF CASSIAN

The access agreement was approved by the Committee last month. Fiene realized a resolution for the access permit needs to go to County Board for approval of the agreement.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the resolution and bring it to County Board. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW /APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT LONG RANGE PLAN

Fiene explained the long range plan is required by the County each year and most of the goals are ongoing and repetitive due to the nature of the department's responsibilities.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the county Forestry, Land & Recreation 2022 long range plan with revisions as discussed. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2022 ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY WORK PLAN AND ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION

Fiene stated this work plan is required by the DNR to be eligible for grant funding. Fiene gave a brief overview of the forestry work plan and answered questions on behalf of the committee.

Motion by Mott to approve the 2022 Forestry work plan and forward the resolution to the County Board. Second by VanRaalte. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW AND RESPOND TO EMAIL FROM DNR REGARDING WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION/RESOLUTION WORDING FOR HWY Q PARCEL

Fiene received an email from WDNR during the initial review of the Hwy Q withdrawal application questioning the wording on the amended resolution, specifically the wording regarding the proceeds of the potential sale.

Committee approved Fiene to provide a response explaining the proceeds would go into the land purchase account for future land purchases. This would help offset money from the general fund used for the Gillette/Wickham purchase as the county would not need to request as much money from the general fund for future land purchases.

DISCUSS/APPROVE RASTA MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2022

This is the renewal contract for trail maintenance with RASTA. The only addition is the liability of the portable toilet at the Nose Lake parking lot.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the 2022 Silent Sports Trail Maintenance Contract between Oneida County and RASTA. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers presented totaling \$175,504.61 which includes \$135,047.40 of ATV grant funded projects and \$37,834.14 for a timber sale performance bond refund to TNT Timber Improvement.

Motion by VanRaalte to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – January 5, 2022
- WCFA Spring Meeting
- Snowmobile Trail Opening
- APHIS Contract
- Forestry Truck Bids
- Forestry Staffing Updates
- Friends of Townline Lake Maintenance Agreement
- Update on Hwy Q Withdrawal Application

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY