

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: December 4, 2019

TIME: 3:30 p.m. Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Committee Members: Vice-Chair VanRaalte, Pence, Almekinder, Mott
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
Chair Sorensen - Absent

Tom Wiensch – Assistant Corporation Counsel; Guy Hansen, Scott Watson – RASTA; John Gillen - WNDR

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair VanRaalte 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 current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Pence to approve the minutes of November 6, 2019 FLR Committee meeting. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage revenue for November was \$75,916.19 bringing the yearly total to \$748,002.23. There are a couple jobs starting up so hoping to add some revenue for December.

Consider Awarding Contract for Direct Timber Sale Bid for Tract 9-19 – Fiene stated the County received a direct bid from Kleinschmidt Logging for a re-sale that has been advertised according to regulations. Bid was opened, minimum bid by species verified and total bid recorded at \$52,033.50.

Motion by Mott to approve awarding the contract of the direct timber sale of tract 9-19 in the amount of \$52,033.50 to Kleinschmidt Logging. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

Consider Awarding Contract for Direct Timber Sale Bid of Landfill Demo Site to Wayne Wagler – Fiene stated the County has negotiated a sale for the clearing of the landfill demo site area with the approval of Jolin and Sexton. Because the land is no longer county forest land, the County is not obligated to advertise for bids. Fiene's recommendation is to award the sale to Wayne Wagler at a total bid of \$9,899.00.

Motion by Almekinder to approve awarding the contract to Wayne Wagler as outlined by Fiene. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

GOODYEAR LAKE ROAD ACCESS ISSUES

Fiene provided a map showing several private properties located along Goodyear Lake Road (off Poskie Road). The road is currently a logging road and none of the current residents hold an access permit to maintain/plow the road. This issue has been brought to the committee

previously and Fiene has now recommended the residents petition the Town of Cassian to take over the road as a town road as it was originally built to town specifications. Fiene is asking the committee to ponder ideas on how to handle the access issue of multiple residents if the Town of Cassian will not take over the road. Fiene proposed the possibility of charging one acreage fee to the group and require all residents to pay an admin fee for an access permit.

Informational only, no action taken.

APPROVE RASTA 2020 TRAIL MAINTENANCE/GROOMING CONTRACT

VanRaalte began by clarifying several areas of the contract. Wiensch explained that typically the department is seeking committee approval to enter into a contract that would be acceptable to Corporation Counsel. If there are concerns that cannot be agreed upon, those items would come back to the committee. After reviewing the current contract with RASTA, Wiensch feels there are a few areas that need to be addressed by the committee.

Discussion regarding whether the contract was/is/should remain a time and materials contract or a flat fee for specified services and how remaining monies at the end of each year are accounted for. Explanation and intention of lapsing and non-lapsing accounts also provided.

Consensus of the committee is that the contract should be written as a flat fee for specified services. RASTA will be paid in two equal payments, once in January and once in July, with any unused funds remaining with RASTA. RASTA will continue to provide year end accounting reports showing how County funds were expended and funds remaining. Decision by the committee that any current funds in non-lapsing equipment and trail development accounts from previous years remain with RASTA.

Wiensch to confer with RASTA to revise contract based on discussion.

Motion by Almekinder to approve the County contracting with RASTA for trail maintenance as discussed in this meeting, with Corporation Counsel to work out the details. Fee is set at \$19,900 payable in two equal payments. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT LONG RANGE PLAN

Fiene answered questions from the committee regarding the Forestry Department Long Range Plan.

Motion by Mott to approve the Oneida County Forestry, Land & Recreation Department 2020 Long Range Plan. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE 2020 ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION

Fiene explained the work plan is required by the Wisconsin DNR to receive funding for the Administrator grant that reimburses 50% of the administrator salary and fringe benefits.

Motion by Pence to approve the 2020 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan. Second by Almekinder. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Mott to approve the resolution, with the approval of the committee, and forward to County Board for the 2020 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan as a consent agenda item. Second by Pence. All aye, motion carried.

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 15 YEAR PLAN – PUBLIC INPUT

Fiene provided information regarding the participation of the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission with the public input portion of the 15-year plan.

Fiene requested input from the committee for evenings that would work best for scheduling public meetings.

Informational only, no action taken.

PORTABLE BRIDGE REQUEST TO USE OUT OF COUNTY OR POSSIBLE PURCHASE

Fiene received a call from another county inquiring about the use or purchase of a portable bridge the county owns. Consensus by the committee to sell the bridge and check with Corporation Counsel if advertising the bridge sale is required.

Motion by Almekinder to approve the sale of the portable bridge. Second by Mott. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment by Felbab regarding the County funds given to RASTA for trail maintenance.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS/MEETINGS

- January 2020 Meeting Date
 - Due to the Holiday, the meeting will be scheduled for January 8, 2020
- Goodyear Lake Road Access Issues Update
- Possibility of Oneida County ATV/UTV Council Requesting to be Included as an Agenda Item

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Vice-Chair VanRaalte adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
RECORDING SECRETARY