

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: December 7, 2022

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

PRESENT: Committee Members: Briggs, Sorgel, Winkler
Almekinder, Schultz - Excused
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
WDNR: Kristina Wells

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Winkler 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 Sorgel 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 Briggs to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022 meeting. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried. Winkler abstains.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for November was \$57,188.05 for a year-to-date total of \$1,025,292.66. There are two bigger jobs starting up.

DISCUSS/APPROVE ENCROACHMENT SURVEY CONTRACT – T37N R4E, Sec. 8 NW NE, TOWN OF LYNNE

Fiene explained this encroachment was identified as a result of a \$30,000 survey that was completed in late 2021 after another private landowner disagreed with property boundaries when the department set up a timber sale bordering his property.

Based on the circumstances of the encroachment (cabin, well, septic, etc.), the recommendation is to follow procedure and complete a survey, appraisal and withdrawal to include the encroachment and a small buffer and sell the property to the encroaching landowner at three times the appraised value. The landowner is responsible for all other associated costs as well.

Motion by Briggs to approve the encroachment survey contract. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION – MUSSON BROTHERS MONICO ATV CONNECTOR TRAIL

Rady provided background of the project. Contract was awarded in March with a completion date of December 9, 2022. Musson Brothers began work in October and was able to complete the majority of the project. Unfortunately, the wet and early winter conditions did not allow for satisfactory completion for the County and WDOT to sign off.

Recommendation by the Forestry Department to provide an extension until May 24, 2023 with payment terms of the original contract (25% payment for materials, etc. and final payment after project completion).

Motion by Sorgel to approve the extension with the payment terms of the original contract. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE SNOWMOBILE LAND USE AGREEMENTS

Conservation Fund and State of Wisconsin - Rady explained that within the last week, some issues with these contracts have since been resolved.

Motion by Briggs to approve the snowmobile land use agreements. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

DISCUSS/APPROVE FORESTRY TRUCK BID

Fiene reminded that committee of the prior truck bid from Brickners Park City that was rescinded due to the unavailability of fleet vehicles. After being told Ford was accepting fleet orders, the committee approved the department to re-bid. After re-bidding, the department again received a lone bid for \$45,592.00 from Brickners Park City. They assured us they were able to place the order and should be able to deliver sometime in the spring of 2023.

Motion by Winkler to approve the truck bid from Brickners Park City. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

ALMON SHELTERS UPDATE

Fiene stated all construction is complete and the county is working with the grant administrator to finalize the remaining paperwork to submit reimbursement to the state.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

FTLLP Update – Nothing new to report.

Pier Donation – Fiene conferred with Corporation Counsel regarding the pier donation as previously requested. Both Corporation Counsel and the Risk Manager do not have any concerns with accepting the donated pier. Fiene will continue to work with FTLLP regarding installation and railings next year.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2023 ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION

Fiene went through the 2023 Oneida County Forestry Work Plan with the committee. Winkler requested additional verbiage under Gillette-Wickham section to include working with Land & Water Conservation to survey, sign and monitor to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

Motion by Briggs to approve the 2023 Oneida County Forestry work plan with the revisions to include verbiage regarding invasive species prevention and forward the resolution to County Board. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2023 LONG RANGE PLAN

Fiene explained the County requires this document from each department. Due to the nature of the department, most of the long-range projects are considered on-going and most of the information is already covered in either the department's Annual Report, Annual Work Plan and/or capital improvement projects.

Motion by Briggs to approve the Forestry Department 2023 Long Range Plan. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers - Vouchers presented totaling \$340,231.22. Approximately \$317,000.00 are grant related expenses and another \$8,000 were timber sale performance bond refunds. Additional \$3,800 of expenses for unexpected equipment repairs.

Line Item Transfers totaling \$21,192.00 were presented to transfer between accounts to eliminate negative balances as we are nearing the end of the year.

Motion by Sorgel to approve the vouchers and line item transfers as presented. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – January 4, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Vice-Chair Winkler adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

JIM WINKLER
VICE-CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY