

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 10-2010

DATE: **September 1, 2010**

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members Rudolph; Thompson; Martinson; Berard; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Eckardt.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Guy Hansen; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Bob England; Tom Rulseh; Jackie Cody; other members of OCBWTC.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 1:30 p.m. Chair Baier called the meeting to order, noting that it had 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—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2010 AND AUGUST 4, 2010 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2010 and August 4, 2010 Forestry Committee meetings. Motion carried. Rudolph abstained.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

A. **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT.** County Forester Paul Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date 2010 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$13,234.99 for August 2010, and year to date total of \$653,145.86. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to approve the report. Motion carried.

B. **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—None.

2011 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT BUDGET—Bilogan explained the 2011 Forestry Department Budget, including the Mining Account, which will be going to the Mining Oversight / Local Impact Committee on September 3, 2010 for their review / approval. Guy Hansen asked if the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee would consider placing \$1,200.00 back into the Forestry Department Budget for weekend (Friday p.m.; Saturday) ski trail grooming. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to place up to \$1,200.00 to labor for weekend ski trail grooming, excluding holidays, back into the Forestry budget for 2011. Motion carried.

It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the 2011 Forestry Department Budget, including the mining budget approval of September 3,2010. Motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY BIKING & HIKING TRAIL PLAN & RESOLUTION—Bilogan explained that there had been a slight change to the Trail Plan, on pages 5 & 8, which referred to off road trail segments. Rudolph distributed a copy of a letter of support from the Oneida County Health Department, which Rudolph requested be made part of the minutes. Tom Rulseh, with the OCBWTC, displayed a map of the trail plan, and asked that the Committee reconsider the original intent of the Trail Plan document. On Page 16 of the Trail Plan, it is explained that the plan may be periodically reviewed. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to present the Trail Plan with the removal of the last paragraph found under the heading “Proposed Trail and Route Corridors” on page 5 of the proposed trail plan. Roll call vote: Berard—aye; Thompson—naye; Martinson—naye; Rudolph—aye. Baier—naye. Motion failed.

It was then moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to present the Trail Plan without the last sentence found under the heading “Proposed Trail and Route Corridors” on page 5 of the proposed trail plan. Roll call vote: Berard—naye; Thompson—aye; Martinson—aye; Baier—aye; Rudolph—aye. Motion carried.

Hearing this, Tom Rulseh with the OCBHTC, stated that they would be withdrawing the Oneida County Biking & Hiking Trail Plan & Resolution.

CELLCOM LEASE RESOLUTION—Bilogan explained that this resolution was prepared by Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond and referred to a right of first refusal. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Cellcom Lease Resolution. Motion carried.

FOREST COUNTY ATV TRAIL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT—Bilogan distributed a sample letter he had received from Bill Johnson with the Forest County ATV Trail Club, requesting assistance from Senator Holperin and Rep. Mursau, in developing a multi-use trail on the old U.S. Hwy. 8 right-of-way between Crandon and the Monico, and also requesting that Oneida County Forestry Department request the DOT for an easement to each County to develop a year round multi-use trail. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to support the request. Roll call vote: Baier—aye; Martinson—aye; Thompson—aye; Berard—aye; Rudolph—naye. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$70.00; Len Allen \$131.57; Argonne Lumber \$143.46; Aspen Tree Service \$4,400.00; Musson Bros. \$47.99; Oneida Co. Snowmobile Council \$48,887.50; Auto Value \$106.67; Greg’s Small Engine \$118.51; Professional

Auto \$728.24; Oneida Co. Register of Deeds \$60.00; Home Depot \$99.95; Frontier \$42.00; Verizon Wireless \$69.11; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$99.00; Oneida Co. Highway \$8,241.18; Airgas \$22.14; Wal Mart \$23.76; Wisconsin Public Service \$132.82 + \$22.97. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers were approved on a motion by Thompson, seconded by Berard, and are attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—October 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Timber Sale; Update on Hwy. J Snowmobile Bridge Project. Bilogan explained that Matt Matteson had contacted the office, requesting the “State ex rel Badke v. Greendale Village Board” statement be placed on all future agendas. The Forestry Committee thought this would be fine, also.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Rudolph distributed a book that was put out by the WCFA referring to the conflict over Indian timber rights in Wisconsin County Forests, and felt it would be beneficial for the Forestry Committee members to have a copy of the book. Guy Hansen had concerns about the compatibility of multi-use trail users. Les Felbab mentioned the use of gas tax monies. Tom Rudolph wanted to go on record as saying it was a disservice to Oneida County (residents) for the original OCBWTC Trail Plan not to be approved / supported as a biking and walking trail plan by the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee, as this essentially precludes obtaining State and Federal grants for walking and biking trails.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY