

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 11-2010

DATE: **October 6, 2010**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Guy Hansen; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Tom Wiensch

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:00 a.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 SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Berard, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2010 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and a roll call vote taken to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(e), deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.95(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Topic: Legal action concerning alleged timber theft by Mark Hazelquist. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to enter into the aforementioned closed session. Roll call vote: Rudolph—aye; Thompson—aye; Martinson—aye; Berard—aye; Baier—aye. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION: A roll call vote will be taken to return to Open Session. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to return to open session. Roll call vote: Rudolph—aye; Thompson—aye; Martinson—aye; Berard—aye; Baier—aye. Motion carried. Chair Baier announced No Action Taken.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:

a) Wachovia Snowmobile Trail Land Use Agreement. Bilogan explained that Wachovia stated they could work with the snowmobile clubs for the 2010—2011 snowmobile season. Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch stated that there are some changes such as indemnifications and named insureds that should be considered.

b) Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge. Bilogan explained that a grant for \$313,000.00 would be available for this bridge, and that an estimate from an engineering firm would be needed. The project wouldn't take place until 2011. The Committee directed Bilogan, Eric Rady (Recreation Coordinator), and Tom Wiensch (Assistant Corporation Counsel) to investigate the issues involved with this bridge project.

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 \$137,391.80 for September 2010, and year to date total of \$790,537.66.

b. REQUEST FOR 10% RATE INCREASE, & EXTENSIONS, ON CONTRACTS

1444 & # 1504. Due to weather conditions this summer, Fiene explained that logging contractors had requested a 0% rate increase with 6 month or 1 year extensions. Hearing this, the Committee acted on Contract # 1444 and Contract # 1504 in the following manner:

It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to extend Contract # 1444 held by **Burt Collins Logging for 6 months with a 0% rate increase.**

Motion carried.

It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to extend Contract # 1504 held by **Fink Forest Products for 1 year with a 0% rate increase.**

Motion carried.

c. OTHER TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to act on the following timber sale contracts as follows:

Contract # 1471 held by **Blomberg Logging close** as satisfactorily completed and return full letter of credit deposit (\$6,819.00).

Contract # 1478 held by **Rick Graap Logging close** as satisfactorily completed and return full letter of credit deposit (\$10,291.80).

Contract # 1479 held by **Rick Graap Logging close** as satisfactorily completed and return full letter of credit deposit (\$11,218.28).

Contract # 1497 held by **Futurewood Corp close** as satisfactorily completed and return full letter of credit deposit (\$4,975.00).

Motion carried.

It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to extend the following contracts as follows:

Contract # 1482 currently held by Ron Smugala requested a **re-assignment** of the contract to **New Page Wisconsin Systems, Inc.**, to **extend** the contract for one year, with a 0 % rate increase. However, if contract not finished within one year, then apply a 25 % rate increase.

Contract # 1484 held by **Futurewood Corp extend** for one year with a 0 % rate increase. If contract not finished within one year, then apply a 25 % rate increase.

Contract # 1485 held by **Wiitala & Vozka Logging extend** for one year with a 0 % rate increase. If contract not finished within one year, then apply a 25 % rate increase.

Contract # 1489 held by **Futurewood Corp extend** for one year with a 0 % rate increase. If contract not finished within one year, then apply a 25 % rate increase.

Contract # 1494 held by **Bob Smith Logging extend** for one year with a 0 % rate increase. If contract not finished within one year, then apply a 25 % rate increase.

Contract # 1512 held by **New Page Corp extend** for one year with a 0 % rate increase. If contract not finished within one year, then apply a 15 % rate increase. (i.e. 1 year contract / different rate increase).

Motion carried.

d. **ONEIDA COUNTY TIMBER SALE BID OPENING.** A total of 121 Timber Sale bids were received, opened, read aloud, and recorded as follows, with the following bidders being awarded the following tracts on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, pending if bid specifications were met, and if not, to award to the next high bid / bidder:

Tract 4-10 awarded to **Wayne Wagler** total bid value of \$72,812.64.

Tract 6-10 awarded to **Futurewood Corp** total bid value of \$63,731.65.

Tract 8-10 awarded to **Wiitala & Vozka Logging** total bid value of \$67,862.50.

Tract 10-10 awarded to **T & T Quality Cutting** total bid value of \$40,662.76.

Tract 12-10 awarded to **Wayne Wagler** total bid value of \$28,161.00.

Tract 13-10 awarded to **Wiitala & Vozka Logging** total bid value of \$54,827.00.
Tract 14-10 awarded to **Futurewood Corp** total bid value of \$26,343.88.
Tract 15-10 awarded to **New Page Corp** total bid value of \$14,910.00.
Tract 16-10 awarded to **Rick Graap Logging** total bid value of \$77,774.55.
Tract 17-10 awarded to **Futurewood Corp** total bid value of \$21,257.40.
Tract 21-10 awarded to **Mr. Ed's Excavating** total bid value of \$71,485.60.

Motion carried.

LAND SALE SOLICITATION RECEIVED (SESW SEC.5-T35N-R9E & NENW SEC.8-T35N-R9E). Bilogan explained that this 80 acre parcel of land in the Town of Enterprise is available for sale, and the fair market values are \$82,900 for one 40 and \$87,400 for the other 40. Stewardship Funding is available until February 2011 for purchase of land such as this by counties. Guy Hansen and Tony Derleth in the audience felt it would be in the county's best interest to obtain this land. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to direct Forestry Staff to work out details toward potential purchase of property via resolution for November County Board meeting; and utilize partial funding via Stewardship Grant pending obtaining simple appraisal. Motion carried.

TOWN OF LYNNE REQUEST (RE: GRANT FOR PAVILLION). A request from the Town of Lynne for a grant for a pavilion was read and discussed. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Martinson, to approve obtaining a grant for up to \$17,000.00 for a pavilion for the Town of Lynne. Motion carried. Bilogan was directed to prepare a resolution for the County Board to act on.

WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL MEETING NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2010. Bilogan informed the Committee of the upcoming annual fall meeting of the WCFA in Wausau, WI on November 4 & 5, 2010. The Committee approved staff and committee members attendance of the WCFA annual fall meeting. Martinson—yes; Berard—decision pending; Thompson—no; Gary—no; Rudolph—yes.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—
It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$24.00; A-1 Septic \$760.00; Argonne Lumber \$54.95; Greg's Small Engine \$47.25; McKenzie Supplies & Equipment \$250.65; MidAmercolnc \$178.76; Rhinelander GM \$145.77; Riesterer & Schnell \$175.25; Mel's Trading Post \$6,133.91; Musson Bros. \$6.71; Dept. of Corrections \$1,434.74; Northern Waste \$104.54; Auto Value \$35.57; Ryden's Marine \$89.99; Schilleman Motorsports \$99.60; Forestry Suppliers \$347.63; WDNR \$50.00; Lakeland Overhead Door Corp \$170.00; Professional Auto \$435.06; Farmer's Feed Store \$315.80; Culligan Water Conditioning \$78.75 & \$72.25; Lakeland Hardware \$81.45 & \$99.49; Pomp's Tire Service \$101.65 & \$132.50; Frontier \$42.00; Verizon Wireless \$66.54; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$88.00; Northwoods

Media \$108.38; Oneida Co. Highway \$2,789.18; Airgas \$117.14; Wisconsin Public Service \$156.31 & \$26.13. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers were approved on a motion by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, as follows:

Transfer From:
55210.521901=\$267.00

Transfer To:
55210.522001=\$267.00

Motion carried.

DATES OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—

November 3, 2010 9:00 a.m. and December 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S).

Closed Session Alleged Timber Theft issue; Land Appraisal Update;
Update on Snowmobile Bridge Project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m. Motion Carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY