

**FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF MEETING # 13-2010

DATE: **December 8, 2010**

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

OTHERS: Brian Desmond; Manny Oradej; Guy Hansen; Les Felbab;  
Bill Welsh; attached attendees list.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**—At 1:00 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 Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2010 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2010 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:**

a) Snowmobile Club request for assistance with Snowmobile Trail Land Use Agreement. Minocqua Forest Riders Snowmobile Club President, Mike Deutscher, was in attendance to request assistance with a Snowmobile Trail Land Use Agreement. Property on which the snowmobile trail is on was sold and the new land owner does not want the trail on his property. However, the easement for the snowmobile trail goes with the sale of the property. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to have Oneida County Corporation Counsel interpret this legal situation, and to take whatever action is necessary as soon as possible. Motion carried.

b) Rainbow Flowage Bridge Engineering Proposals: Bilogan explained the RFP for the Rainbow Flowage Bridge Engineering Proposals, stating that 5 proposals were received and that three engineering firms were selected to give oral presentations at today's meeting, those being: MSA; Cooper Engineering; and Becher Hoppe.

c) It is anticipated that a motion will be made, seconded, and a roll call vote taken to enter into Closed Session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(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. And WI Statutes 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. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to enter into closed session, as stated above. Roll Call Vote: Baier—aye; Martinson—aye; Berard—aye; Rudolph—aye; Thompson—aye. Motion carried.

- 1) Snowmobile Trail Easement—Town of Minocqua.
- 2) Proposals for Professional Engineering Services.

A Roll Call Vote will be taken to return to Open Session: It was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Baier—aye; Martinson—aye; Berard—aye; Rudolph—aye; Thompson—aye. Motion carried.

*Minutes amended per Committee action 1.5.2011, as follows:*  
Chair Baier announced that the Committee conferred with legal counsel concerning the snowmobile trail easement and the proposals for professional engineering services.

### **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 \$220,194.58 for November, and year to date total of \$1,114,997.28

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

**Contract # 1504** held by **Fink Forest Products** close as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$21,655.12).

**Contract # 1507** held by **Brown Trucking Inc** close as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$19,377.09).

**Contract # 1512** held by **New Page Corp** close as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$1,073.25).

**Contract # 1533** held by **Wayne Wagler Forest Products Inc** close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$7,040.25).

**Contract # 1515** held by **Rick Graap** close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$39,455.62).

**Contract # 1522** held by **Rick Graap** close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$12,147.70).

Motion carried.

**FORESTRY DEPARTMENT 2011 LONG RANGE PLAN**—Bilogan had distributed the Forestry Department's 2011 Long Range Plan. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to approve the 2011 Plan as presented. Motion carried.

**PICKUP TRUCK BID OPENING**—Six bids were received, opened, read aloud, and recorded as follows: Rhinelander GM \$18,216.00 + \$17,983.00; Dave Marston Motors \$23,989.00 + \$24,652.00; Parsons Chev \$20,522.55 + \$20,522.55. It was then moved by Berard, seconded by Thompson, to accept the bid of \$18,216.00 from Rhinelander GM (Their bid of \$17,983.00 didn't meet color specifications.) and award the bid to Rhinelander GM Auto Center for the truck for \$18,216.00. Motion carried.

**UPDATE PERTAINING TO WORK LOAD ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED ALLOWABLE CUT**—Bilogan updated the committee on a joint meeting with the LRES, Finance, and Forestry committees scheduled for December 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., that would pertain to discuss work load issues associated with increased allowable cuto.

**LAND APPRAISALS FOR SESW SEC.5-T35N-R9E & NENW SEC.8-T35N-R9E.** Bilogan explained that he had received the two appraisals from Sorensen Appraisal Service. Those appraisals were \$75,000.00 for one 40 and \$59,000.00 for the other 40. The fair market values on those 40's were \$87,400.00 and \$82,900.00. It was moved by Berard, seconded by Thompson, to make an offer to purchase for these two 40's not to exceed the appraisal prices. Roll Call Vote: Berard—aye; Thompson—aye; Martinson—aye; Baier—naye. Motion carried. The Committee would also like a timber appraisal on these 40's in the future.

**LAKE TOMAHAWK REQUEST FOR ATV USE ON A SHORT SEGMENT OF SNOWMOBILE TRAIL**—Shawn Tingley from the Town of Lake Tomahawk was present for the Town's request for ATVs to use a short segment (less than 1/3 mile) of snowmobile trail, east of Hwy. 47 to the north side of the BP station, in order for ATVs to access downtown Lake Tomahawk businesses, from December 1—April 15. The Sno-Fleas Snowmobile Club is in favor of this request. The Town Board of Lake Tomahawk is in favor of this request and have an ordinance for this trail. The Town also surveyed Lake Tomahawk citizens and 60% approved the request. It was then moved by Thompson, seconded by

Martinson, to approve the request. Motion carried. Bilogan mentioned that Oneida County will have to prepare an amended ordinance as well.

**WEEKEND SKI TRAIL GROOMING POLICY**—Bilogan distributed a draft weekend ski trail grooming policy. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to approve the weekend ski trail grooming policy. Motion carried.

**2011 WCFA SUMMER TOUR**—Bilogan explained that Oneida County is the host county for the 2011 WCFA Summer Tour and the dates will be June 22—24, 2011. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn in Rhinelander, and the banquet will be catered at Quality Inn as well.

**ONEIDA COUNTY BIKING & HIKING TRAILS COUNCIL REQUEST TO BRING PLAN FORWARD**—Tom Rulseh with the Oneida County Biking & Hiking Trails Council was in attendance to request to bring the plan forward, stating that the biking & hiking trails council feels the plan allows for flexibility and revised uses and evaluations in the original language of the plan. Tom Rudolph stated that he felt other user groups should come up with their own plans. Greg Berard stated that the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee should use their discretion. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to bring the plan forward in its original form and forward to County Board. Roll Call Vote: Rudolph—aye; Berard—aye; Martinson—naye; Thompson—naye; Baier—naye. Motion not carried.

**TOWN OF ENTERPRISE TRAILS REVIEW**—Town of Enterprise Trails maps were distributed, showing trails open (of which 20%--30% already are open, per Bilogan). The Town of Enterprise citizens, according to Town of Enterprise Supervisor Arnold Schauer, who was in attendance, handed in a map of yellow highlighted trails that they would like opened (remove berms and gates), with the discretion of the Oneida County Forestry Department. Thompson inquired if the trails could be prioritized (i.e. ski trail; ADA trail; etc). Bilogan stated that special use trails are summarized as such.

**VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)**—It was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: American Welding & Gas \$13.26; Antigo Yamaha \$6,571.99; Auto Value \$42.38; Dahlquist Heating \$733.56; Greg's Small Engine Repair \$30.55; Shoeder's RV & Marine \$31.46; Press Express \$91.00; Mike's Rhinelander Glass \$40.00; Oneida Co. Health Dept. \$20.00; Oneida Co. Snowmobile Council \$90,211.11; WCFA \$100.00; WDNR \$129.14; Sorensen Appraisal Service \$650.00; Fink Forest Products \$21,655.12; Brown Trucking \$19,377.09; New Page Corp \$1,073.25; Culligan \$112.00; Northwoods River News \$44.70; Oneida Co. Highway Commission \$3,015.12 + \$742.36; Frontier \$42.00 + \$42.00; Verizon Wireless \$74.58 + \$76.51; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$12.00; Fastenal Co. \$191.60; Airgas \$22.14 + \$21.42; Wisconsin Public Service \$336.39 + \$30.31. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers: It was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to approve line item transfers to cover shortages in year end accounts, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

**DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—**January 5, 2011 at 9:00 am

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S).** 2011 WCFA Summer Tour Update; Offer to Purchase Enterprise 40's; Snowmobile Trail LUA; Snowmobile Bridge Engineering Contract; Lake Tomahawk ATV Ordinance Amendment.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Les Felbab inquired about the long range plan and how the ATV trail might be affected in 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT—**With business completed, it was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m. Motion Carried.

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GARY BAIER  
CHAIR

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CINDY ECKARDT  
RECORDING SECRETARY