

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 1-2011

DATE: **January 5, 2011**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Greg Berard.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Guy Hansen; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Jane Severt;
Tom Wiensch; Joel Flory.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:06 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 Thompson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2010 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010 Forestry Committee meeting. Chair Baier called for any corrections. Rudolph noted that there was no announcement in open session on page 2. It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the December 8, 2010 Forestry Committee meeting minutes as amended to include the following statement: Chair Baier announced that the Committee conferred with legal counsel concerning the snowmobile trail easement and the proposals for professional engineering services. Motion carried.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:

a) Update on Snowmobile Trail Land Use Agreement. Bilogan explained that the land owner opened the gates, gave key(s) to snowmobile club, and the snowmobile trail was open in time for the official opening of the snowmobile trails for the 2010—2011 season. Additional follow up between the land owner, Eric Rady (Oneida County Recreational Coordinator) and Corporation Counsel took place on the morning of this meeting (1.5.2011).

b) Update on the status of the Rainbow Flowage Bridge Engineering Contract. Bilogan stated that the engineering contract had been received from Cooper Engineering, Inc. and that he had forwarded the contract to Corporation Counsel for input / review / approval.

c) same as item 4a.

d) Expense associated to the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade. Bilogan explained that he would like to present the request for additional expense associated with the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade to the Finance Committee on January 10, 2011. Bilogan asked the Forestry Committee for their recommendation. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to recommend Bilogan ask the Finance Committee for up to \$20,000.00 additional funding in order to cover the expense associated with the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade, utilizing stumpage revenue if needed, with the county and snowmobile club cost sharing on a 60 % / 40 %. Motion carried.

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 \$212,916.55 for December, and year to date total of \$1,327,913.83.

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

Contract # 1505 held by **Brown Trucking Inc** close as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$9,781.42).

Contract # 1485 held by **Wiitala & Vozka Logging** close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$15,627.00), pending road inspection.

Contract # 1494 held by **Bob Smith** close as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$10,695.00).

Motion carried.

STRATEGY TO ADDRESS INCREASED ALLOWABLE CUT—Bilogan updated the Committee on a joint meeting with the LRES, Finance, and Forestry committees that he attended on December 15, 2010. Bilogan asked the Forestry Committee if an LTE should be hired to help with work related to an increased allowable timber cut. Thompson asked if overtime could be paid to existing employees. Using the sustainable forestry grant, Jane Severt stated that the

grant money is available for short term use and not for full time employees. Rudolph stated that he felt UW—Stevens Point students should be utilized. Other Forestry Committee members felt that existing personnel should be used. Hearing that there was still \$2,000.00 left in sustainable forestry grant, the committee approved utilizing the \$2,000.00 for an LTE to help with timber sale work.

OFFER TO PURCHASE SESW SEC.5-T35N-R9E & NENW SEC.8-T35N-R9E.

Bilogan explained that he had received an offer to purchase and had prepared a resolution to purchase the two 40's in Enterprise. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the resolution with offer to purchase the two 40's in Enterprise. Roll Call Vote: Thompson—aye; Martinson—aye; Rudolph—aye; Baier—naye. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR LAKE TOMAHAWK REQUEST FOR ATV USE ON A SHORT SEGMENT OF SNOWMOBILE TRAIL—

The ordinance amendment to allow ATV use on a short segment of snowmobile trail was explained. It was then moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the aforementioned ordinance amendment. Motion carried.

2011 WCFA SUMMER TOUR—No update per Bilogan at this time.

TIMBER THEFT UPDATE—Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Wiensch was in attendance to update the committee on the timber theft restitution agreement. Details such as 6 full cords vs. 12 face cords, quality of wood, and time frame regarding supplying the campground with firewood specifics were discussed. Mr. Wiensch stated that he would contact D.A. Bloom and request good, burnable firewood; 6 cords per year.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—

It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: Rent A Flash \$217.50; Antigo Yamaha \$275.32; Auto Value \$6.02; Professional Auto \$3,355.20; Quinlan's Equipment \$1,598.61; Bill Kenealy \$250.04; Brown Trucking \$9,781.42; Fastenal \$27.32; Culligan \$80.52; Wisconsin Public Service \$500.46 + \$38.03. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers: It was moved by Thompson, 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—February 2, 2011 at 9:00 am

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S). 2011 WCFA Summer Tour Update; Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Engineering Contract & load upgrade Update; allowable cut update / rate of return; RASTA event camping exemption & well installation update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Joel Flory commented on the allowable cut issue. Joel is also involved with RASTA. Guy Hansen, with RASTA, stated that the group was incorporated in February 2010, and as of 1.3.2011 became a formally organized group with officers, by-laws, memberships, etc, and were applying for 501c3 tax exempt status. At a future Forestry Committee meeting RASTA will formally be requesting permission to host an endurance bike race at Washburn Trail / Perch Lake Shelter for August 13 & 14, and will be asking for a camping exemption and would like permission to have a well installed at the Perch Lake Park facility.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Motion Carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY