

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 12—2011

DATE: **November 2, 2011**

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Matt Matteson; Guy Hansen.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:35 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 OCTOBER 5, 2011 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—Fiene reported that the October stumpage revenue was \$166,935.29 and the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue was \$784,813.78.

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

Contract # 1517 held by **Fink Forest Products** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and refund full cash deposit of \$21,795.50.

Contract # 1508 held by **Jim Poyda Logging** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return full letter of credit of \$7,597.38.

Motion carried.

2011 FALL WCFA MEETING ATTENDANCE—Bilogan stated that he, Eric Rady, and Tom Rudolph would be attending the 2011 Fall WCFA Meeting at The Pointe in Minocqua WI on November 3 and / or 4, 2011.

USFS PAUL STRONG RE: COUNTY MANAGEMENT OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND—Chair Baier had not heard any comments from Paul Strong on this issue at this time.

FORESTRY ACCOUNT TECHNICIAN POSITION UPDATE—Bilogan reported that Finance Director Margie Sorenson and ITS Director Lynn Grube are reviewing the account technician position and their recommendations will go to LRES Committee on November 9; if filling of account technician position is approved, position would be

posted on November 10. If different pay grade, they that issue would have to go to the next County Board meeting.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL LAND USE AGREEMENT & TRAIL RE-ROUTE OPTIONS SECTIONS 23 & 26—T39N—R10E (TOWN OF THREE LAKES)—Bilogan reported that he, Chair Gary Baier, the Vilas County Board Chair, and the Vilas County Forestry Department employee responsible for snowmobile trails had met with the Goelkes to try to resolve the situation and / or consider various re-route options. Chair Baier had met with the DNR (Matt Maroney) to discuss options such as railroad grade use as well as other options, all of which will be costly to the counties. The DOT is also working on the matter. One option might be legal fee reduction in negotiation for a permanent easement.

RAINBOW FLOWAGE SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE—Bilogan reported that the piers and abutments are finished and they are waiting for the arrival of the three bridge pieces and placement of the bridge. Thus far, portions of the bridge budget are \$7,000.00 below budget. The bridge is scheduled to be set November 7, 8, and 9, 2011.

AWARD SNOWMOBILE BID—Paul Fiene distributed copies of the bids that had been received. Bids were then opened, read aloud, and awarded. (Copy of bid result sheet is attached and made part of these minutes.) It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Berard, to award the snowmobile bridge to the low bid of \$5,857.00 from Tomahawk Sports Center for a 2012 Ski Doo Tundra Sport. Motion carried.

BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR 3-PT. HITCH DEBRIS BLOWER—Bilogan distributed bid specifications for a 3-pt. hitch debris blower. However, he had also received a quote of \$4,595.00 for a Cyclone 3-pt. PTO hitch debris blower and stated that if the committee wished, since the price is under \$5,000.00, the department could order the blower for the quoted price of \$4,595.00. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the purchase of the Cyclone 3-pt. PTO hitch debris blower for the quoted price of \$4,595.00. Motion carried.

ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS FOR THE FOREST DIRECTOR'S 2012 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION—Bilogan distributed copies of his goal establishment for his 2012 performance evaluation. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the goals for the forest director's 2012 performance evaluation, as presented by Forest Director John Bilogan. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS—It was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: Fink Forest Products (deposit refund) \$21,795.50; Quality Equipment \$113.83; Press Express \$370.15; WDNR \$86.86; Oneida County Snowmobile Council (trail maintenance) \$48,887.50; Oneida County Snowmobile Council (trail maintenance supplemental payment) \$73,717.81; Janke General Contractors Inc. (Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Project) \$183,709.3850.00; Northern Waste \$52.27; Airgas \$24.00; Culligan Water Conditioning \$119.50; Fastenal \$75.94; Frontier \$42.00; Menard's \$6.98; Verizon \$65.00. Motion carried.

DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—**December 7, 2011, 9:30 a.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Forestry Account Technician Position Update; Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Update; banking timber sale areas to reach allowable cut as needed (set up more acres); invite Oneida County Economic Development Executive Director to attend future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab stated that he heard it costs \$20,000.00 to the county for the recreational officers (from the sheriff's department).

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY