

**FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING # 13—2011**

**DATE:** **December 7, 2011**

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Committee Room # 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; John Vanney.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**—At 9:01 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 Martinson, seconded by Berard, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2011 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—Fiene reported that the November stumpage revenue was \$215,265.55 and the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue was \$1,000,079.33.

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

**Contract # 1468** held by **New Page Corp** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and refund full cash deposit of \$27,894.25.

**Contract # 1489** held by **Futurewood Corp** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return full letter of credit deposit of \$7,410.00.

**Contract # 1528** held by **Smola Brothers Inc** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return full letter of credit deposit of \$17,997.25.

Motion carried.

**2012 FORESTRY DEPT. WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION**—Bilogan presented and described the 2012 Forestry Dept. Work Plan & associated resolution. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the work plan and resolution and to forward it on to the next County Board meeting. Motion carried.

**FORESTRY ACCOUNT TECHNICIAN POSITION UPDATE**—Bilogan reported that 4 applicants were interviewed. The position was offered to the top applicant; that applicant rejected the offer. The position will be offered to the second candidate. If that applicant declines the position, then the position could be advertised to the public.

**RAINBOW FLOWAGE SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**—Bilogan reported that the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge project is completed, and will be a multi-use bridge.

**ROGER LUCE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ONEIDA CO. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.**—Roger Luce stated that he was asked to attend the meeting to talk on the proposed log yard area for the transportation possibilities of wood products, primarily biomass, utilizing abandoned railroad from Ladysmith WI to Escanaba MI. Mr. Luce went on to explain that a 9-county commission was being formed to work on this project.

**FORESTRY DEPT. 2012 LONG RANGE PLAN**—Bilogan distributed the 2012 Forestry Department Long Range Plan. Some added suggestions were as follows: tornado plan as it would pertain to re-setting up of damaged forest land; possible future use of UTVs on county forest land / ATV trails. The local ATV clubs opinion was to obtain the opinion of the Towns and involved clubs. Les Felbab and Matt Matteson felt it would be O.K. to work with the UTVs on the trails, but that gates would need to be enlarged / widened. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Forestry Dept. 2012 Long Range Plan. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment, and line item transfers: New Page Corp (deposit refund) \$27,894.25; Greg's Small Engine Repair \$29.50; Lakeland Lawn & Equipment \$167.67; Bill Breivogel (clothing allowance) \$250.00; Bill Kenealy (clothing allowance) \$250.00; John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$56.10; WCFA (reg.fees) \$75.00; Rhinelander GM \$327.04; Horst Distributing (blower) \$4595.00; American Welding \$39.95; Future Forests Inc (disc trenching) \$2040.00; Griffith State Nursery (seedlings) \$1751.00; Cooper Engineering (Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Project) \$7325.00; Janke General Contractors (Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Project) \$169,959.62; WCFA (2012 dues) \$4540.25; Airgas \$24.80; Culligan Water Conditioning \$91.75 + \$59.25; Fastenal \$21.00 + \$72.23; Frontier \$42.00 + \$42.00; Menard's \$142.09; Northwoods River News \$19.44; Verizon \$89.84 + \$79.67; Wis. Public Service Corp \$198.78 + \$297.01 + \$31.47; Auto Value Rhinelander \$13.20 + \$31.32; Oneida Co. Solid Waste Dept. \$99.50 + \$19.53; Oneida Co. Hwy. \$5019.08 + \$693.10; Wal-Mart \$39.93; Carquest \$29.47; Pomp's Tire Service \$21.68.

Line Item Transfers:  
\$82,100.00 from 51579.699101 to 56111.523103  
Land Purchase Account (Land) Co. Forest Roads / Road Repair / Maint

Motion carried.

**DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**—**January 11**, 2012, **9:30 a.m.**

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)**—Update and pros and cons of the John Vanney / Tim Musson 40-acre land trade proposal; Update on UTV option on ATV trails; Approval of RASTA mountain bike event scheduled at Perch Lake Park / Washburn Mountain Bike Trail on August 4, 2012.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**—Les Felbab stated the importance of attending / participating in the DNR safety ATV and snowmobile trail / riding workshops that took place in the Town of Nokomis.

**ADJOURNMENT**—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Motion carried.

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GARY BAIER  
CHAIR

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CINDY ECKARDT  
RECORDING SECRETARY