

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 8-2008

DATE: June 4, 2008
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Rudolph, Baier, Thompson, Peters;
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt; DNR Liaison Forester Oradei;
OTHERS: John Potters; Les Felbab; Peter Wolk; Brian Desmond; Mike Fugle.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chair Petroskey at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7 AND MAY 23, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 and May 23, 2008 Forestry Committee meetings. Motion carried.

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)(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: ENCROACHMENT ONTO COUNTY FOREST LAND—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 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. Topic: Encroachment onto County Forest Land. Roll Call Vote: Rudolph aye; Baier aye; Petroskey aye; Peters aye; Thompson aye. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Rudolph, to return to open session. Roll Call Vote: Rudolph aye; Baier aye; Petroskey aye; Peters aye; Thompson aye. Motion carried. Chair Petroskey announced that the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee took action to have Corporation Counsel proceed with enforcement on encroachment issue on County Forest.

AMENDED GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 14 AND CHAPTER 25 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR THE INCLUSION OF CAMPGROUND USE REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES—Bilogan presented the amended General Code

Chapter 14 and Chapter 25, stating that in May the County Board did not approve the Ordinance Amendment due to the wordiness of the document. Bilogan had written the County Board members who had voted naye and received one response. Bilogan stated that he is hoping to open the campground by the end of June 2008. Forestry Committee Member Peters suggested having a photograph along with the Ordinance Amendment at County Board (in June) to help with visualizing the campground use regulations and administrative policies. It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Peters, to approve and forward the Amended General Code Chapter 13 and Chapter 25 Ordinance Amendment (along with a visualization) to the County Board for their June 17, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

TRACTOR BID OPENING / AWARD—Two bids were received, read aloud, and recorded as follows: Rocconni Supply Co., Inc., of Iron Mountain, MI. Bid \$30,264.00. Riesterer & Schnell Inc., of Antigo, WI. Bid \$29,188.61. Both bids met bid specifications. Bids included options and trade-in allowances. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Peters, to award the low bid of \$29,188.61 to Riesterer & Schnell, Inc. Motion carried. Bilogan noted the following: Options can be paid out of Wildlife Habitat Account funds. The tractor can be used by the Highway Department during the winter months. Bilogan had checked with Equipment Broker Tony Trolla, who offered \$2,500.00 for Forestry Department's trade-in tractor. Gary Baier stated that he is against buying a tractor and feels that equipment should be shared between the Highway Department and the Forestry Department.

ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

A) REVIEW OPEN HOUSE MEETING HELD ON MAY 28TH TO GATHER PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN—Open House outdoor recreation comments were reviewed.

B) RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE OCFD RECREATIONAL GOALS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN--Bilogan distributed a revised list of goals and objectives of the Forestry Department, those being to pave existing multi-purpose trail / road connecting upper and lower levels at Almon Park, and develop new snowmobile & ATV trails and support facilities as needed. Said development shall follow procedures established in Oneida Co. Motorized Recreational Trail handbooks. Hearing these goals and objectives, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Peters, to include the above two items in the Oneida County 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES

A) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—County Forester Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, which depicted a Year-to-Date Total of \$233,727.33.

B) TIMBER SALE(S) FOR DISPOSITION—None.

C) CORPORATION COUNSEL OPINION ON CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT # 1428—Assistant Corporation Counsel Michael Fugle's opinion is that the logging contractor of Contract # 1428 is responsible for paying Oneida County the remaining 60% bond, with a promissory note, within a 30 day deadline. Forester Fiene further

explained that the County will hold 100% of the bond until after the fall 2008 timber sale, at which time invoice logging contractor additional money / bond up to \$9,309.72 to make up difference between new bid and original bid. Hearing this, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to accept Assistant Corporation Counsel's opinion and proceed with cancellation of Contract # 1428, along with promissory note for remaining 60% bond, within a 30 day deadline, and to invoice for additional money / bond up to \$9,309.72 to make up difference between new bid and original bid. Motion carried.

PERCH LAKE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE—Bilogan gave an update on the Perch Lake Park Development Project, including a revised shelter plan, which would still require an additional \$20,000.00. Options to obtain the additional \$20,000.00 include: Mineral Resources Account; budget for in 2009 timber sale revenue; or ask RASTA (Rhineland Area Silent Trails Association) to donate the additional \$20,000.00. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to ask RASTA to provide the additional \$20,000.00 in order to proceed with the Perch Lake Park Development Project. Motion carried.

TOWN OF LYNNE GRAVEL CRUSHING CONTRACT—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the Town of Lynne Gravel Crushing Contract, as prepared by Oneida County Forestry Department. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS IF NECESSARY—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to approve vouchers & blanket purchase orders for payment as follows: Stephen Tuchalski (ADA key deposit refund) \$50.00; John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$55.72; Oneida County Health Department (E.coli testing & campground permit) \$225.00 + \$106.00; Wal Mart \$14.56; FABCO \$366.69; Fastenal Co. \$106.47; Quik Print \$98.85; DCI Building Center \$137.65; Rent A Flash \$580.00; Dietz Construction \$4032.00; Menards \$215.16; Front Line Service \$1404.00; Carquest \$11.59; Forestry Suppliers \$95.74; Airgas \$18.00; WDNR \$40.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$336.56; Alltel \$65.38; Frontier \$42.00; Oneida County Solid Waste Dept. \$16.00; Northwoods Media \$29.49. Motion carried. No line items transfers were necessary.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Change future meeting date time to 9:00 a.m.; Perch Lake Park Development Project Update; 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan Update; Encroachment Update; Cassian Road Limit Update; 10-hour work day possibility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Rudolph stated that Forestry related media coverage and articles are highly important for good public relations between the public and Oneida County Forestry Department.

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

WILBUR PETROSKEY, CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT, SECRETARY

