

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 3-2008

DATE: March 5, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room #1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Vice Chairman Petroskey; Committee Members Wickman; Baier;
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Eckardt; DNR Liaison Manny Oradei
EXCUSED: Committee Chairman Rudolph; Committee Member Hansen
OTHERS: Les Felbab; Jim Cheshire (Wireless Planning for Cellcom);
Ron Teclaw (USFS); Nick Saliendra (USFS);
TAG Member: Samantha Stelmack

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 Vice Chairman Petroskey at 1:08 p.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT VICE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Wickman, seconded by Baier, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Vice Chairman's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Wickman, seconded by Baier, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2008 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

USFS RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTING CARBON FLUX DATA ON COUNTY FOREST LAND--

- a) Written questions submitted by Mr. John Herman pertaining to the Carbon Flux research project proposed by the USFS—Bilogan distributed questions and answers provided by the USFS that had been submitted by John Herman. Per Corporation Counsel's advice, Bilogan was directed to forward all future questions directly to the USFS, after which it was agreed on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Baier. Motion carried.
- b) Corporation Counsel review of Land Use Agreement submitted by the USFS—Corporation Counsel's review of the Land Use Agreement still pending (due to work load in the Corporation Counsel's office).
- c) Request to construct a temporary tower on County Forest land for the purpose of collecting carbon flux data—In answer to Baier's inquiry, Ron Teclaw (USFS) stated that the USFS is requesting to construct a temporary tower on County Forest land in order to use a natural aspen stand with specific topography and the Oneida County Forest fit the requirements needed by the USFS for this research proposal. In answer to Wickman's inquiry, temporary refers to a period of time from approximately April 1, 2008—September 1, 2010.

LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CELLCOM COMMUNICATION TOWER LOCATED IN THE SENE SECTION 13, T36N, R7E—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve this lease agreement. Motion carried. (County Clerk Brusco was in attendance to notarize Vice Chairman Petroskey's signature and took the agreement to have County Board Chairman Andrew Smith's signature notarized as well.)

COUNTY FOREST SURVEY MATTERS:

- a) Contract proposal for professional survey work to be conducted in the SESE Section 25, T36N, R6E—Bilogan explained the contract proposal which included the required \$100,000.00 Professional Liability Insurance with Nicolet Surveying Inc. in the amount of \$4,975.00. Baier suggested contacting the adjacent landowner first or refer the matter to Planning & Zoning, since there appears to be encroachment of a hunting shack by a private landowner on the Oneida County Forest. It was moved by Wickman, seconded by Baier, to contact the adjacent landowner via certified mail asking them to contact the Oneida County Forestry Department within 7 days of receipt of the certified letter. If no response within the specified time period, Bilogan was directed to proceed with the survey work since the contract has a deadline of April 1, 2008. Motion carried.
- b) Proposed Ordinance Amendment to provide a funding mechanism for County Forest Survey Work—Tabled at this time.

PROPOSED COUNTY FOREST CAMPING ORDINANCE DRAFT 2—Bilogan distributed Draft 2 of the proposed County Forest Camping Ordinance for review by the Committee. The following suggestions were made: Campground open May 23—December 2; \$10 fee; 15-day length of stays; Disabled site; Camping Fee Refunds based on emergency basis discretion; Firewood Policy; No food left in camping areas; Post Bear Area signs; No Horses allowed.

PICNIC TABLE SPECIFICATIONS—Baier stated that the Town of Nokomis would have 10 picnic tables available for free and would be willing to donate them to the County. Baier will bring this to the Town of Nokomis meeting scheduled for March 10, 2008.

PROGRESS REPORT PERTAINING TO CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND BUDGET FOR THE PROPOSED PERCH LAKE WARMING SHELTER—Bilogan distributed construction plans of a steel post and frame shell building that would be adequate.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

- a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue—A chart & graph were distributed showing the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue.
- b) Timber Sale(s) for Disposition--The timber sale agenda was distributed and action taken as follows: Contract #1424 held by Stora Enso n/k/a NewPage Wisconsin System Inc was closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit of \$10,259.25, pending road inspection, on a motion by Baier, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PURCHASING THE SENE SECTION 27, T36N, R4E—Bilogan informed the Committee of a parcel of land that was for sale within Oneida County Forest boundary. However, the Committee decided not to pursue acquisition of this parcel. No action taken.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ATV TRAIL ON THE NORTHERN HIGHLAND AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST—Bilogan distributed the report, and stated that there was another meeting scheduled for March 12, 2008 in which he could attend representing Oneida County's opinion on the report findings. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve Bilogan's attendance of this out of county meeting on March 12, 2008, including approval of an additional day, motel, and meals if Bilogan needs to stay another day in order to accomplish stating the views of Oneida County. Motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN—No update at this time. The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) will meet on March 10, 2008 to discuss the plan.

STAFF ATTENDANCE TO A ROAD / STREAM CROSSING WORKSHOP APRIL 22—24 IN RHINELANDER—Bilogan stated that 1-3 Forestry Staff would like to attend the workshop, if openings arise. The cost of the workshop is \$80.00 per person for the 3 days. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve 1-3 Forestry Staff to attend the workshop. Motion carried.

2007 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT BUDGET, CLOSE NO.2—Bilogan explained final 2007 year end line items transfers as prepared by Finance Director Margie Sorenson. Bottom line was that the Forestry Department returned \$522,000.00 to the County's General Fund.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET ORDER PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—

The following vouchers were approved for payment on a motion by Baier, seconded by Wickman: Stora Enso n/k/a NewPage Wisconsin System Inc \$10,259.25; Enterprise Wood Products \$100.00; DCI \$79.65; Fastenal Co. \$41.89; Oneida County Highway \$1,465.56; Tomahawk Sports Center \$73.68; Airgas \$18.60; Menards \$29.54; Auto Value \$3.00; Lakeland Hardware \$32.41; Oneida County Snowmobile Council \$48,887.50. Motion carried.

The following blanket purchase orders were approved for payment on a motion by Wickman, seconded by Petroskey: Wisconsin Public Service \$809.41; Frontier \$42.00; Culligan Water Conditioning \$56.50; Alltel \$50.22. Motion carried.

It was moved by Wickman, seconded by Baier, to approve 2007 year end line item transfers, as prepared by Finance Director Margie Sorenson, a copy of which has been attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Baier, seconded by Wickman, to approve and sign the APHIS contract. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Perch Lake Shelter Update; Trail Reroute Update; 5 Year Recreation Plan Update; Campground Ordinance Draft 3; Tractor Specifications; Picnic Tables donated by the Town of Nokomis; Proposed Ordinance Amendment for funding for County Forest Survey Work

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab thanked the Committee for allowing Bilogan to attend the NHAL ATV meeting. Les Felbab also thanked Gary Baier and the Town of Nokomis for donating the picnic tables to the County.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:20 p.m. it was moved by Wickman, seconded by Petroskey, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY

