

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 2-2008

DATE: February 6, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room #1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Chairman Rudolph; Committee Members Petroskey; Wickman; Hansen; Baier; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt; DNR Liaison Manny Oradei
OTHERS: Les Felbab; Jim Cheshire (Wireless Planning for Cellcom); Ron Teclaw (USFS); Nick Saliendra (USFS); Bart Sexton (Solid Waste Department)
ABSENT: 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 Chairman Rudolph at 1:00 p.m.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 Forestry Committee meeting, with the following amendment: page 1, paragraph 3, after 1 abstained add Baier. Motion carried.

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

- a) Corporation Counsel review of Land Use Agreement submitted by the USFS—Bilogan reported, to date, he had not heard a reply from Corporation Counsel on the Land Use Agreement. The Committee then directed Bilogan to e-mail Corporation Counsel (copy Committee) as to the progress of the land use agreement and that the Committee is expecting an answer for the agreement to be reviewed.
- b) Request to construct a temporary tower on County Forest land for the purpose of collecting carbon flux data—Bilogan stated that he had received a telephone call from a person questioning the reasons for the tower. Ron Teclaw (USFS) requested a timeline from the Committee to address these concerns. The Committee asked Bilogan to direct the concerned citizens questions directly to Ron Teclaw (USFS).

PROPOSED CELLCOM TOWER SITE (LOCATED WITHIN THE SE1/4 OF THE NE1/4, SEC.13, T36N, R7E)

- a) Corporation Counsel review of Cellcom's proposed tower site lease agreement—Bilogan reported, to date, he had not heard a reply from Corporation Counsel on the site lease agreement. However, Jim Cheshire, with Wireless Planning for Cellcom, was in attendance and stated that he and Corporation Counsel had been working on the site lease agreement.
- b) Application and associated resolution for the withdrawal of 0.23-acres of County Forest Land, from the County Forest Law Program, for the purpose of providing the area necessary to construct and operate the above described Cellular Communication Tower—It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve (and sign) the

resolution for the withdrawal of 0.23-acres of County Forest Land from the County Forest Law Program for the purpose of providing the area necessary to construct and operate the above described cellular communication tower with the stipulation that Corporation Counsel review and revise (if necessary) the final lease agreement as Corporation Counsel and Cellcom reach resolution of lease terms. Motion carried.

APPLICATION AND ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF 37.14 ACRES OF COUNTY FOREST LAND FROM THE COUNTY FOREST LAW PROGRAM, UDNER S.28.11 WIS. STATS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT'S LEACHATE TREATMENT OPERATION—It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to approve (and sign) the resolution for the above described withdrawal. Motion carried.

COUNTY FOREST SURVEY MATTERS:

- a) Update on contracted survey work performed in Section 6, T35N, R9E, Town of Enterprise, and associated certified letters sent to adjacent private landowners—Bilogan reported that one of the adjacent landowners had contacted the Forestry Office and did not agree with the survey. Bilogan told the landowner of the option of seeking legal counsel. No further word from adjacent landowner.
- b) List of County Forest survey projects that have been identified as high priority—Bilogan and Fiene distributed a list of survey projects.
- c) Possible funding mechanism for high priority survey projects on County Forest land—Bilogan reported that he had met with Finance Director Margie Sorenson to discuss some options for funding the high priority survey projects. Sorenson stated that the funding options could be retroactive to 1.1.08, start new in July 2008, or start new as of 1.1.09, as long as specifics of costs to land surveying projects were detailed. Sorenson also suggested setting aside \$35,000.00 for the project. Hearing this, it was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to set aside 1.5% of 10% of County Land Account stumpage revenue to be placed in a County Forest Land Account. Motion carried. It was also moved by Baier, seconded by Hansen, to prepare the Ordinance Amendment to change the Land Purchase Account to County Forest Land Account. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

- a) 2007 Final Stumpage Revenue Report—Bilogan and Fiene reported that over a million dollars worth of stumpage was accounted for in 2007. Chairman Rudolph felt that this should be a featured media story as it would be good for public relations. The Committee felt that in addition to the 2007 stumpage revenue report, the fund distribution sheet that Bilogan had distributed would also be good for the public. Bilogan explained that he had distributed the fund distribution chart and given it to the entire Oneida County Board of Supervisors, Margie Sorenson, and John Potters.
- b) 2008 Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue—A chart & graph were distributed showing the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue.
- c) Timber Sales for Disposition--The timber sale agenda was distributed and action taken as follows:
Contract #1449 held by Stora Enso n/k/a NewPage Wisconsin System Inc was closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit of \$6,342.50 on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey. Motion carried.
Contract #1454 held by Stora Enso n/k/a NewPage Wisconsin System Inc was closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit of \$4,481.00, pending road inspection, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey. Motion carried.

Contract #1453 held by Wiitala Vozka Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed, return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$29,788.00, pending road inspection, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey. Motion carried.

Contract #1425 held by DeBoth Bros. Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$23,027.43, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey. Motion carried.

FLORD CAMPGROUND ORDINANCE DRAFT 1—Bilogan distributed the first Draft of the Campground Ordinance, for the Committee to review and comment on at future meeting dates.

POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD FOR THEIR DELIBERATION ON ESTABLISHING 1TV TRAILS ON THE NORTHERN HIGHLAND—AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST—Bilogan stated that he had received an invitation to the February 27th meeting of the Natural Resources Board. However, he didn't feel there would be a need for him to attend the meeting because he couldn't really comment on any of the issues, and the stakeholders group had formulated a letter to the Natural Resources Board with their comments. Hearing this, the Committee felt that it wasn't necessary to attend the Natural Resources Board meeting.

ONEIDA COUNTY FIVE YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN—Bilogan explained that the current recreation plan expires on 12.31.08, so it's time to begin updating for the next 5 years of outdoor recreation in Oneida County. The North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) offers this update service at no cost to Oneida County, since Oneida County is within their boundary. Bilogan explained that there should be a county representative that would answer questions of Oneida County recreation opportunities and he felt that the UW—Extension Office might be a good source. Bilogan stated that he would be willing to answer any Forest related recreation questions. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to proceed with the 2009—2013 Oneida County Five Year Outdoor Recreation Plan and to have the NCWRPC prepare the plan, and to invite the NCWRPC and UW—Extension to the March 5, 2008 meeting of the Oneida County Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

WCFA SPRING COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATORS MEETING FEBRUARY 28 AND 29, 2008—Bilogan reminded the FLORC of this meeting to be held February 28 and 29 in Eagle River, WI. It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to approve attendance of the WCFA Spring Meeting by FLORC and Forestry Staff. Motion carried. (Petroskey, Wickman, and Hansen stated that they would attend the meeting.)

SUMMARY OF CAMPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OR HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE OCFLORD BETWEEN 2005—2008—Bilogan stated that this Summary had been distributed to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors, as well as Margie Sorenson, and John Potters. To date, Bilogan had not received any comments on the summary.

DRAFT CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND BUDGET FOR THE PERCH LAKE WARMING SHELTER—Bilogan and Hansen stated that the draft plan was being redone to meet the budget. A rerouted snowmobile trail proposal was also being worked on.

2007 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT BUDGET, CLOSE NO.1—Line Item Transfers will be needed in some accounts to cover overages in specific line items.

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

The following vouchers were approved for payment on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen: Stora Enso n/k/a NewPage Wisconsin System Inc \$6342.50 + \$4481.00; Oneida County Highway \$966.49 + \$1777.20; Shoeder's Marine \$357.90; Moritz Tire \$91.45; Auto Value \$154.97; Airgas \$18.60; Fastenal Co. \$139.12; Oneida Co. Register of Deeds \$13.00; Bob's Power Center \$21.00; Lakeland Hardware \$75.10; and Townships (2007 severance) \$107,758.43. Motion carried.

The following blanket purchase orders were approved for payment on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen: Wisconsin Public Service \$739.40; Frontier \$84.00; Culligan Water Conditioning \$140.25; Alltel \$127.82. Motion carried.

It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Wickman, to approve 2007 year end line item transfers, a copy of which has been attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Perch Lake Shelter Update; Trail Reroute Update; 5 Year Recreation Plan Update; Campground Ordinance Update; Tractor and Picnic Table Specifications; Consider parcel of land for sale within County Forest boundary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

The Committee asked TAG Member Samantha Stelmack how she documents meeting attendance and she stated that she gives a report at school on a regular basis as to what meetings she attends, what the meetings cover, and so forth. Liaison Forester Manny Oradei gave a brief synopsis of the School Forest he oversees, and commented on the recent possible sale of some of the School Forest. Manny encouraged those in attendance to contact the school officials and let them know the importance of forests and the school forest land. Manny also suggested using a different appraiser when the FLORC considers the purchase of any land, in particular the upcoming consideration for the parcel of land for sale within the County Forest boundary.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:53 p.m. it was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

THOMAS RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY

