

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: October 2, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members: Martinson, Sorensen
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

OTHERS: Lester Felbab and Bill Welsh, OCATVA. Guy Hansen, RASTA.
Manny Oradei, DNR. Fred Heider, NCWRPC.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 9:00 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 Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS— It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to approve the minutes of the September 4 and September 11, 2013 Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—**
Fiene reported that the September stumpage revenue was \$137,690.64 and year to date is \$831,209.83
- b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—**It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to act on the following timber contract as follows:

Contract #1557 held by Biewer, closed as satisfactorily completed, and return Letter of Credit deposit.

Contract #1556 held by Timberline, closed as satisfactorily completed, and return Letter of Credit deposit.

Contract #1561 held Biewer, by closed as satisfactorily completed, and return Letter of Credit deposit.

Sorensen moved to close contracts as recommended. Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

One-Year Contract Extensions approved as follows:

- #1534, Wiitala & Vozka, 2nd extension, with a 15% increase
- #1530, Futurewood, extension, however wood is all cut, only paperwork remains.
- #1536, New Page, 2nd extension, with a 15% increase
- #1547, Bob Smith, 1st extension, with a 10% increase
- # 1548, Marshall Logging, 1st extension, with a 10% increase
- #1549, Smola Brothers, almost completed, 1st extension, with a 10% increase
- #1553, Futurewood, extension, however wood is all cut, only paperwork remains.
- #1555, Kleinschmidt, 1st extension, with a 10% increase
- #1550, Bob Smith, 1st extension, with a 10% increase

Sorensen moved to extend contracts as recommended. Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

2014 RASTA SILENT SPORTS TRAIL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. Bilogan noted the contract and budget remained the same as 2013, with a few line items merged as previously approved by the committee. “Leftover monies” will be transferred by committee decision to the non-lapsing account. He raised a question about the amount of money going to RASTA this year and next. That equals the whole Parks account and it is being given to RASTA for unspecified projects. Hanson interjected that the money will be used for trail maintenance and development. Bilogan agreed that is the plan, however, nothing specific has been determined. Sorensen moved to accept the contract and Martinson seconded. Bilogan said he has budget hearings upcoming and if the Finance Committee starts taking Parks money, which he has already designated for projects, he feels RASTA should receive equal cuts. Martinson stated that Forestry runs a tight ship. Sorensen agreed that the department pays for itself. The committee agreed to sign the contract, and present it to Finance after budget hearings, with the understanding that RASTA and Forestry Parks will share equally in any reductions by Finance.

5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN – Fred Heider of NCWRPC provided results of the surveys and questionnaires. Some townships did not return the surveys or questionnaires. He will follow up with towns that did not respond, notably Minocqua. Bilogan noted that Vilas County had 100 responses, whereas Oneida County had three outdoor recreation groups respond. Rhinelander is still working on the survey. Baier suggested that Forestry contact the Wisconsin Towns Association to allow Bilogan, NCWRPC and any committee members attend the next quarterly meeting. Heider submitted the initial plan response to public input. Bilogan noted that there is a great deal of gray area about which entity is going to be responsible for recreation goals, i.e., parks, trails, etc. Towns are responsible for their own recreational facilities. Bilogan asked for guidance from the Committee about how to get public input for goals for County Forest recreation development. He suggested putting a survey on the Oneida County website. Sorensen commented that he would like to see the recreation groups talking with each other.

FOREST INDUSTRY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES – Moved to November agenda.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Moved by Martinson, seconded Sorensen by to approve payment for the listed vouchers, totaling \$84,795.97. Approved Line item transfer of \$3500.00 from sale of lawnmower to pay for balance of mowing costs. All aye. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Forestry Industry Transportation
- Winter ATV use of Enterprise snowmobile trail
- Annual Plan for November County Board
- Update on Recreation Plan
- Participation of Committee at quarterly Town Association meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— Welsh noted that ATV groups share trails with bicycles and have more trouble sharing with snowmobile groups. He also noted that ATV clubs do not get the money that RASTA gets. ATV and snowmobile money comes from state registration fees and does not carry forward if it is not spent. Sorensen suggested that these groups meet with Governor’s Council to bring up these issues.

ALMON PARK SHELTER PROJECT It is anticipated that the committee may consider a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The issue to be discussed is the Almon Park Pavilion Project. The Committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session. Sorensen moved to go to closed session, Martinson seconded. All aye.

Committee returned to open session. No action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY