

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** January 8, 2014

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Martinson, Rudolph, Shidell, Thompson. Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

**OTHERS:** Bob England OCATVA. Guy Hansen, RASTA. Manny Oradei, DNR. Fred Heider, NCWRPC.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**— At 9:07 a.m. Chair Sorensen 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 Rudolph, 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 DECEMBER 4, 2013 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**— It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Shidell, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2013 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**—Tom Rudolph volunteered to hold the position. Thompson so moved, Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

- a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue is at \$1,289,951.
- b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to act on the following timber contract as follows:  
Contract # 1570 held by Country Forest Products closed as satisfactorily completed, return Letter of Credit deposit. All aye, motion carried.

A question was asked whether a County Board supervisor would be able to bid on Oneida County logging jobs. Bilogan responded that if the situation arose, the logger would meet with Corporation Counsel before bidding.

**5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN**—Fred Heider (NWRPC) stated that with no other changes to the plan requested, it is time to schedule public informational meetings.

There was discussion about ATV and snowmobile recreation opportunities. Martinson felt silent sports receives much more attention than ATV's. Bilogan pointed out that there are at least two places in the Plan which specifically recommend items supporting ATV trails. Rudolph moved to schedule a public informational meeting. Thompson seconded. Majority vote was aye, with Shidell voting no. Motion carried. Chair Sorensen directed Bilogan to come up with a date and the committee members would let him know whether they could attend

**WILLOW ROAD WEIGHT LIMIT UPDATE**—Bilogan said Henry Schienebeck had asked to schedule a second meeting of the ad-hoc committee on February 7, 2013. There was discussion about who is using Willow Road; Rudolph commented that there is a great deal of State Forest timber traveling down that road. Bilogan reported that he asked Schatzley whether Lynne will lift the limits during frozen declaration, when no damage is done to roads by heavy vehicles. Schatzley was not ready to answer that question at that time. Bilogan will write to him and ask him to address the question, as it is delaying a contract signing from the November sale. It was tentatively decided to agree to the meeting date.

**LAND SURVEY SEC. 24, T37N R7E.** Bilogan reported that a request for access led him to discovery of possible encroachment. A request for a driveway access permit initiated the encroachment issue. The committee had approved a survey. Bilogan stated that the issue is three existing driveways and the new request for a fourth driveway all cross county land. He provided a copy of the Oneida County access permit form and estimated permit fees for these driveways.

There was discussion about permits vs. easements. Bilogan explained that an access permit is not transferable, therefore a new owner would need to obtain a new permit. Easements are not issued, and that policy has been in effect since at least 1991. Committee members felt issuing easements would be preferable. Thompson moved that the issue be referred to Corporation Counsel for review. Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Oradei from DNR stated that are state regulations that may not allow easements on County land. He will check and provide the information to the Committee.

**VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Expenses totaling \$137,096.24 were presented to the Committee. Martinson moved to approve the expenditures, Thompson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT.** With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Shidell, to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

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JACK SORENSEN  
VICE-CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY