

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: September 9, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Rudolph, Van Raalte, Zunker
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.
Corp. Counsel: Tom Wiensch

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 4:00 p.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 Van Raalte, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE September 3, 2014 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS— Approval was postponed until the October meeting.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

1. August Timber Stumpage Revenue is at \$ \$44,776.69 and the wet weather is making it hard for the contractors to get any work done.
2. **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—It was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Sorensen, to act on the following timber contract as follows: Contract # 1576 held by Wayne Wagler Forest Products closed as satisfactorily completed, return Letter of Credit deposit. All aye. motion carried.

WILLOW ROAD TRAFFIC COUNT UPDATE

Bilogan reported the cameras were out there for four weeks. We found the overall truck traffic related to the Oneida County Forest is approximately 9% of all truck traffic. Only 25% of truck traffic was related to timber industry. The cameras will be reinstalled in the fall. The idea is to get a snapshot of traffic for each season.

It is anticipated that the committee may consider a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) 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, and conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (*Topics: Wilson Road Gravel Pit/NMM #14 and use of Town of Lynne roads.*) The Committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session. Rudolph moved to go into closed session, Van Raalte seconded. Roll call vote. All aye. Zunker was excused to avoid conflict of interest as she sits on the board of Lynne.

Van Raalte moved to return to open session, Mott seconded. All aye. Return to open session. In closed session, Committee reviewed and approved a gravel pit contract, with legal questions referred to Tom Wiensch.

Rudolph moved to approve the contract for the Town of Lynne. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

SEVERANCE PROPOSAL

Van Raalte provided a worksheet outlining the various methods of distributing extra severance. He recommended any additional severance be based on the percentage of town roads that are within the County Forest. Sorensen felt the idea has merit, but cannot make it into 2015 budget. Bilogan commented that if the additional severance is for road maintenance, there are other entities who may be more responsible and who might be approached.

2015 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Bilogan noted that most of the accounts are state funded- money in, money out and do not affect the levy. He talked about reopening the land purchase account, using 2% of gross stumpage. Mott wanted a mechanism for using the money quickly if needed. Bilogan also noted the increase in parks, setting aside \$28,000/year for five years to replace Almon Park’s Parking Lot. That will be addressed in the long-range capital improvement projects. Rudolph moved to approve the budget, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Most Forestry projects are either below the \$25,000 limit or are not levy-based. Therefore, the only project Forestry has is to build up the account to replace the Almon Park asphalt. Van Raalte moved to approve, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

ENCROACHMENT/ACCESS REQUEST T37N-R7E, SECTION 24, CLEAR LAKE ROAD

Bilogan reported the results of the appraisal. The DNR is ok with this particular transaction. Mott made a motion to move forward, withdraw the parcel from the County Forest and offer it for sale to the existing homeowners who need it for access. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

FALL WCFA MEETING. Sorensen moved to approve any committee members and staff who wish to attend. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

- Severance proposal from Supervisor Van Raalte
- Land Acquisition Account Process
- Perch Lake Parking Lot
- RASTA Long Range Goals

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bilogan mentioned there was a question from a member of the public about creating a dog park in Townline Lake Park. He will keep the committee informed of any further developments.

ADJOURNMENT. With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Mott, to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY