

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 5, 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

OTHERS: Thomas Wiensch, Corporation Counsel, Jeff Viegut, Town of Lynne,
Linda Williams, WDNR

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 Rudolph, seconded by Van Raalte, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Rudolph to approve minutes of the October 1 and October 21, 2014 Forestry Committee meetings. All aye, motion carried.

Forest Management:

- Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue total is \$1,256,950.05
- Timber Sale(s) for Disposition & Extension. There were no closures. There were seven requests for extension:

Contract #	1548	2nd Ext	MARSHALL LOGGING
Contract #	1550	2nd Ext	SMITH LOGGING
Contract #	1571	1st Ext	NEW PAGE CORP
Contract #	1573	1st Ext	NEW PAGE CORP
Contract #	1574	1st Ext	CENTRAL WIS LUMBER
Contract #	1580	1st Ext	FINK FOREST PRODUCTS
Contract #	1581	1st Ext	WIITALA & VOZKA

Rudolph moved to approve all the extensions, with increases as written in contracts. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

- Contract amendment to address EAB. Van Raalte moved to accept language added to all future timber contracts addressing Emerald Ash Borer procedures and rules. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- Review timber sale bid results and award contracts. Sale averaged \$816/acre. Two new contractors, Bell Timber & Dvorak Lumber, will get reference checks before signing contracts. Rudolph moved to approve all the sales, subject to review of the references checks as stated. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

- Linda Williams, WDNR Forest Health Specialist, gave a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer. She covered identification, range, effects, firewood and quarantine laws, as well as tips for managing the pest.

Jeff Viegut, chair of the Town of Lynne spoke about the gravel/road contract. They would prefer to separate the two. The Town would like to remove any road elements from the contract. The Town meeting is next week and they will highlight and indicate what changes they want. There was a suggestion to meet together with members of both bodies. Tom Wiensch stated that written back and forth is the preferred method, but he is willing to work in whatever manner they agree to proceed. He suggested a joint meeting as a possibility.

Wiensch stated that he would create a form for signature which certifies who is eligible to sign contracts for the town. Viegut said they would respond to the contract with their changes as soon as they can.

Bilogan noted that the DNR will have input regarding the lost income from the removed pitfall and boulders. He thanked Mr. Viegut for coming to talk with the committee and the spirit of cooperation being shown by Town of Lynne.

It had been anticipated that the committee may consider a motion to adjourn into closed session but committee did not feel it was necessary.

Annual Work Plan and associated resolution. Van Raalte moved to approve the plan and present the resolution as a consent item. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

RASTA 2015 Trail Maintenance Contract and associated resolution. Rudolph moved to approve the contract and present the resolution as a consent item. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried. The committee instructed Bilogan to present it to the County Board in November, even though the Trail Development & Improvements balance cannot be confirmed before January 1.

Meteor Timber LLC Snowmobile License Agreement. Mott moved to approve the Land Use Agreement with Meteor Timber. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Ordinance Amendment - Ginseng harvesting. Van Raalte moved to approve the ordinance barring ginseng harvesting and present as a consent item. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Request for Engineering Proposal -

(Pickerel Canal Snowmobile Bridge, SWNE Sec. 18, T 39N, R8E. Town of Newbold.) Oneida County departments are longer allowed to do design/build, so we will have two bids for the project, one for engineering and one for construction. This is funded by snowmobile state funds. Van Raalte moved to move forward with the specifications and have oral presentations in front of the full committee. Mott seconded, all aye. Motion carried.

Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant, 50% matching funds and alternatives. Bilogan provided information about three parcels that may be eligible for the grant. Mott moved to go ahead with a proposal to apply for the grant for these parcels and start process of appraisals. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Vouchers Vouchers totaling \$23,678.50 were submitted. Rudolph moved to approve listed payments. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Agenda items for future Committee meetings.

- Response to contract by Town of Lynne
- Forestry Department Long Range Plan
- Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant update

Public Comments - None

At 6:05 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Van Raalte, seconded by Tom Rudolph.
All aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY