

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: February 4, 2015

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

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Van Raalte, Zunker
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

OTHERS: Bill Welsh, Lester Felbab, OCATVA. Guy Hansen, RASTA. Manny Oradei, DNR, Sherry Tischendorf, Town of Woodboro

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 Mott, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Zunker, to approve the minutes of the January 6 after a spelling correction and January 21, 2015 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) 2014 Final Timber Revenue was \$1,716,272.33, almost \$350,000 more than any year prior. Severance paid to towns was \$171,627.
- b) Year-To-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$101,765.97 for January.
- c) Timber Sales For Disposition—None
- d) Oneida County Forest 3 Year Program Review. Fiene answered questions from the committee about the recent DNR review.
- e) Report on recent Co. Forest firewood thefts. There have been several instances of theft recently. Several citations have been issued. The Sheriff's Dept. is still investigating, as some of the thieves were photographed by a trail camera.

Van Raalte moved to accept the Forest Management Report. Mott seconded. All aye.

WITHDRAWAL APPLICATION & RESOLUTION FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF 1.50 ACRES OF CO. FOREST land, located in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4, Sec. 24, T37N-R7E, from the Co. Forest Law program. This is the small parcel of County Forest land that was near Clear Lake with easement issues. Money from the sales of the lots will go into the Land Purchase Account to replace the acreage as per DNR requirements. Mott moved to approve the resolution as a consent agenda item, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

POTENTIAL LAND PARCELS FOR ACQUISITION AND ENROLLMENT INTO THE COUNTY FOREST LAW PROGRAM. Bilogan discussed 2 specific parcels available for potential entry into the County Forest. Both are surrounded by county forest. The key advantage to obtaining these parcels is removing the private property lines and all that entails, which can crop up during logging sales. Bilogan then explained how the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program could be utilized to obtain the properties for little to no cash outlay by the county. The first step would be to submit a resolution stating we would like

to submit an application. That would allow the county to begin negotiations and put the DNR on notice of the county's intent. Mott asked how much would the tax implication be, the stumpage benefit to the county, and the costs involved in the appraisal and purchase costs. Mott moved to proceed with the process. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

SEVERANCE PAYMENT PROPOSAL - ALAN VAN RAALTE. Van Raalte presented a spreadsheet to show the amount of additional severance towns would get if the present 10% was increased by 2% and the extra 2% was divided according to a formula using town road miles used by County Forest logging and discounted gravel taken from County pits. The committee unanimously agreed that Van Raalte should proceed with the process of writing a draft resolution for a future committee meeting. Bilogan had no objection, as long as the resolution states that payment is contingent on keeping weight limits at their current levels.

AMENDED RASTA SPECIAL EVENT LAND USE AGREEMENT – Bilogan presented the land use agreement previously approved, amended with the legal additions from Corp Counsel. The Town of Woodboro asked to be notified in advance when events are scheduled at Perch Lake. Bilogan noted that the landowners in the area had concerns about closing times and camping. RASTA has not asked for camping privileges this year, and Perch remains in line with all County Parks, closing at 10:00 p.m. Van Raalte moved to accept the amended agreement, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

TREE RETENTION RESOLUTION AND ASSOCIATED AMENDMENT to the 2006-2020 County Forest 15-Year Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The Forestry Department has been following this procedure for years, but wanted documentation in the Plan. Van Raalte moved to forward the resolution to the County Board as a consent agenda item. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

WINSTON & SANDRA LONG LAND DONATION UPDATE (GL 2 & SE-NW SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 36 North, Range 5 East, Town of Little Rice, Oneida County WI). Bilogan stated that Mike Romportl of Land Information has remained in contact with the owners, and a resolution should be ready to present at the next Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— Guy Hansen asked that the RASTA 3 Year Plan be added to a future agenda.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers totaled \$56,155.50; Mott moved to approve vouchers, Zunker seconded. All aye. Line item transfers totaled \$14,543.00; Van Raalte moved to approve, seconded by Zunker. All aye.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Resolution for Knowles-Nelson application
- Discussion of additional 2% severance payments
- Resolution for Long donation
- May 6 Timber Sale

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Mott, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY