

## FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

**DATE:** July 1, 2015

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**OTHERS:** Brian Desmond, Corp Counsel; Jim Bollman, MSA; Brian Hegge, RASTA

**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 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 Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—**

Fiene reported that the June stumpage revenue was \$55,896.33.

b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—**

Two sales from the May sale have been cancelled because the winning bidder, John Bergman, does not have the required SFI certification. Corp Counsel recommends retaining the bid bonds and barring Bergman from bidding on the resales. Bergman stated his case before the committee. He will attend the FISTA training at the end of July.

Rudolph moved to retain the bid bond on Tract 13-15. When Tract 19-14 is resold and if the sale price is equal or higher than Bergman's bid, his bond will be returned. If not, the bid bond will be prorated. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

c) **LETTER OF CREDIT (LOC) CHANGES—**

Fiene reported that banks are reluctant to issue 5 year letters of credit. He suggested changing the requirement to one year beyond the contract date, and that an extended LOC is required before a contract extension is approved. Sorensen so moved, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **PICKEREL CANAL SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE DESIGN & SPECIFICATIONS – MSA**

Bilogan reported that Corp Counsel has reviewed the legal aspects of the contract and asked for minor changes. Forestry has a few requirements that need to be changed in the specs as well. Jim Bollman from MSA gave a short overview of the project design. The bids will be due on August 24 for a 70 foot clear span bridge. He particularly noted that MSA will be onsite to oversee when the drilling is done for pilings.

Desmond noted that the contract is on the agenda for the next Admin committee. Sorensen moved to approve the plans and specifications contingent on the aforementioned changes being made. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **RASTA RTA CONTRACT UPDATE**

Desmond reported that the Oneida County risk management and insurance reps will not approve a contract with limited liability. Hegge responded that RASTA feels the County does have some responsibility as well, even though the workers are volunteers. The trail building subcontractor will have his own liability. After much discussion it was suggested that RASTA look into increasing their liability insurance to \$5 million. Bilogan does not think any state grant will cover insurance costs. Hegge will let Bilogan know what the group decides to do.

### **ATV/UTV ROAD ROUTE AGREEMENT**

Bilogan reported that the Mudd Nutz received the amended agreement and have no issues. A Forestry staff member will go with a Mudd Nutz representative to do a visual inspection and document route conditions, to have a baseline for any future damage claim. Mott moved to approve the agreement, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **ATV/UTV RANKING TOOL AND CLUB COMMENTS.**

The ranking tool was inserted into the manual. The committee previously approved the manual except the ranking tool. Enterprise club does not feel the tool should be used for mandatory evaluation of trails. Bilogan explained the tool helps to weed out trails that will not get funded, saving committee and staff time. Bill Welsh from Enterprise club feels the tool doesn't give enough flexibility. Rudolph noted that the club could appeal to the committee if they disagreed with the score. Mott moved to approved the ranking tool with the inclusion of an opportunity to appeal the scoring. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**SEVERANCE PROPOSAL RESOLUTION** Van Raalte explained the purpose of the additional proposed severance is to help towns who have more heavy truck traffic and more town roads adjacent to County Forest to maintain. Rudolph moved to approve the plan, Zunker seconded. Bilogan wanted to include language to clarify that receiving the extra 2% would prevent towns from reclassifying roads. Van Raalte moved to bring the amended resolution back to committee in August. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**BCPL PROPOSAL STATUS UPDATE** No Action taken.

**SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE RESTRICTIONS** Bilogan recently met with Les Felbab and explained the restrictions. No further action needed.

**ALMON PARK ASPHALT REPAIR** Due to the extensive repairs needed at Almon, Capital Improvements Committee recommended that the entire project be completed in the fall, using general funds, and freeing up the \$28,000 per year that was to be set aside in 2015-2019. Van Raalte moved to send the project forward for County Board approval. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**CLEAR LAKE LAND SALE UPDATE** Two of the owners have conveyed that they want to go through with the purchase. Bilogan will bring an offer to purchase with a resolution to the August meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS—None**

### **VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**

Vouchers totaled \$7509.93 and were presented to the committee. Rudolph moved to approve, Zunker seconded. Motion carried, all aye.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Severance Proposal Resolution  
BCPL Proposal Status Update  
Clear Lake Land Sale Update

**ADJOURNMENT**—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Van Raalte to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY