

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: March 2, 2016

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

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

OTHERS: Bill Welsh, Les Felbab OCATVA; Rich Reidinger, RASTA; Wayne Wagler;
Manny Oradei, DNR; Brian Desmond, Corp Counsel.

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 February 4, 2016 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—Mott moved to close contracts and return deposits/letters Oneida County credit. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) Fink Forest Products asked to have their contract #1626 amended from whole tree chipping to pulp. The prices will be adjusted accordingly. Van Raalte moved to allow the change, Mott seconded. All aye motion carried.

2016 APHIS CONTRACT. Van Raalte moved to accept the 2016 USDA contract for nuisance beaver control. No price increase from last year. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

2016 ANNUAL REPORT. Bilogan presented the report to the committee. Van Raalte moved to approve the report and forward it to the County Board. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

2016 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE SCHEDULE. Bilogan asked the committee for approval to adjust the truck purchases in order to a newer truck which is most in need of replacement. The older truck is still running well, and should be able to be maintained by staff. Sorensen moved to adjust the purchase schedule as noted, Mott seconded. All aye motion carried.

RASTA BUDGET The committee discussed the RASTA budget and whether to continue to oversee it as closely as in the past. Bilogan preferred to let RASTA run their own budget as they saw fit, treating the maintenance contract as services rendered and nothing more. Mott moved to continue with oversight. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Good Neighbor Authority – Nothing new at this time.

POSSIBLE LAND TRADE WITH BCPL The committee agreed to table this item for a future meeting. Bilogan will bring information back next time.

FOREST ROAD NAME CHANGE. Emergency Services in Lincoln County requested that the portion of John’s Memorial Drive which is called Wickham Road in Oneida County be changed, so that the entire length of the road is John’s Memorial Drive. Sorensen moved to make the change, Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Felbab noted that the trail grooming is very well done.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

BCPL LAND TRADE

Member of Vilas County Adhoc Committee for Recreation

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers, line item transfers and the blanket purchase orders were approved by the committee.(Zunker/Mott)

Closed session: Van Raalte moved, Mott seconded and all approved by unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Topic #1: Contract 1545 extension

Topic #2: May 2016 Timber Contract Extensions.

Topic #3: Possible offers to purchase three parcels to enter into County Forest:

- a) Langlois SENW, Sec 29, T37N-R4E
- b) Hanson SWSE of Sec. 5 , NWNE of Sec. 8, T35N R9E
- c) Williams NESE, SESW, Pt of SWSE & Pt of NESW of Sec 15 in T36N R7E

At 5:10 p.m. Sorensen moved, Zunker seconded to return to open session. All aye.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Mott, seconded by Van Raalte , to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p . m . All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY