

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** August 3, 2016

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**OTHERS:** M. Oradei-DNR; D. Nelson-Domtar; G. Mouw-Verso; B. DeLano & S. Davis-  
Expera; H. Berklund- DNR; L. Felbab-OCATVA; D. Schoeneck

**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 Pence, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2016 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

### **REQUEST FOR ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST TO BECOME CERTIFIED BY THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**

Representatives from local mills attended the meeting to propose that Oneida County Forest become FSC certified. The additional certification would broaden the loggers' markets which could result in more bids at timber sales. Mott made a motion to move forward with dual certification, and directed Bilogan to prepare a resolution for the County Board and bring it to the committee at the October meeting. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—**  
Fiene reported that the July stumpage revenue was \$44,689.
- b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—** Close Tigerton contract #1611. Zunker moved to close and return deposit, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried. Two contracts were amended to add timber from a blowdown (#1639) and hail damage (#1667) Van Raalte moved to approve amendments and Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **HWY 17 SOUTH, DOT CAMPGROUND SIGN UPDATE**

Bilogan reports the signs are being produced and will be installed by Lincoln County when they are received. Anticipate signs to be installed by end of August.

### **BURROWS LAKE GRAVEL PIT**

Bilogan reported an updated decision from the DNR that because it's an active gravel pit, it is exempt from wetland regulations.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Van Raalte, seconded by Pence and approved by unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e)(g), conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Topic: Burrows Lake Bridges.

Return to open session: The committee returned to open session. No actions were taken during closed session.

**ANNUAL STAFFING REQUEST**

Bilogan requested a Parks LTE and Ranger LTE for 2017. He also reported that the Forestry Maintenance Technician has indicated that he will retire within a few months. This will mean plowing and mowing will not be done until this is addressed. He felt that a winter LTE on call for plowing could cover until a permanent hire can be made next spring. The committee directed Bilogan to proceed with filling the vacant full-time position immediately. Van Raalte moved to advertise the position one grade higher than it is currently. Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

He also requested to have the two Forester LTE positions that are usually requested, be converted into one permanent Forester. Van Raalte moved to approve, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried. Bilogan will present the request to LRES Committee

**LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE**

Hanson purchase is complete and the deed recorded. The reimbursement by Knowles Nelson is ready to be submitted once all the invoices have been received. The Gillette Lake parcel owner is willing to pay ½ the cost of a state appraisal.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS—**

Felbab noted that it was nice that the Department has mostly new equipment because that would make it easier to recruit interested applicants for the vacant Forest Maintenance Technician position.

Oradei introduced Heather Berklund, the new DNR Northern Region Area Supervisor.

**VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**

Vouchers which totaled \$9,311.02 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to authorize payment, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

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

- Annual Budget – September meeting (Sept 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Committee Room 1)
- FSC resolution – October meeting

**ADJOURNMENT—**With business completed, it was moved by Zunker, seconded by Van Raalte to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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JACK SORENSEN  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY