

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 14-2008

DATE: November 4, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Rudolph; Thompson; Baier.
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.
EXCUSED: Peters.
OTHERS: Bill Welsh; Guy Hansen; John Potters.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chair Petroskey at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A MOTION WILL BE MADE, SECONDED, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES, SECTION 19.95(1)(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: ENCROACHMENT ONTO COUNTY FOREST LAND.—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(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: Encroachment onto County Forest Land. Roll Call Vote: Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye; Petroskey aye. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye; Petroskey aye. Motion carried.

USFS TOWN REVENUE / STUMPAGE PAYMENTS—Bilogan explained that the USFS has forest land in the Towns of Cassian, Crescent, and Three Lakes, and that there are two different options for stumpage payments, those being a 25% amount, or a guaranteed projected payment. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to go with Option # 1, the 25% amount stumpage payment. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report—Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting a year-to-date amount of \$497,422.73.

c) Timber Sale(s) for Disposition—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to act on the following timber sales for disposition:

Contract # 1440 held by Futurewood Corp. be extended for one year, with a 15% rate increase.

Contract # 1441 held by Futurewood Corp. be extended for one year, with a 15% rate increase.

Contract # 1443 held by Futurewood Corp. be extended for one year, with a 15% rate increase.

Contract # 1457 held by New Page Wis System Inc. be extended for one year, with a 10% rate increase.

Contract # 1459 held by New Page Wis System Inc. be extended for one year, with a 10% rate increase.

Contract # 1476 held by Homer Van Meter be extended for one year, with a 5% rate increase.

Contract # 1437 held by New Page Wis System Inc. be extended for one year, with a 15% rate increase.

Motion carried.

Also, on Contract # 1440 held by Futurewood Corp. County Forester Paul Fiene explained the reason for an amendment to Contract # 1440 for payment of boiler fuel wood at \$2.00 / ton. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve this amendment to Contract # 1440. Motion carried.

LAND ISSUES:

a) Survey Project / Contract—Fiene explained the survey projects by Burrows Lake and by a private “40” by Perch Lake Park. There is a 50% grant amount for \$13,000.00 for these surveys. The cost of the surveys came to \$12,765.00.

b) Potlatch Appraisals—Appraisals for land in Little Rice averaged \$1600--\$1900 an acre. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to thank Potlatch for the appraisal information and note that we will keep on list if interested in the future. Motion carried.

c) Potential Land Acquisition (SENE Sec.26-T36N-R4E, Town of Lynne)—Fiene explained potential land acquisition, stating that the land had been listed on a bank foreclosure, Fiene had contacted the bank and was told the bank bought the land for \$26,500.00. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to authorize Forestry staff to proceed with appraisals for preparing offer to purchase, and to contact bank for a time past November 14, or match offer of \$26,500.00 as soon as possible via calling a special meeting if necessary. Motion carried.

DISABLED ACCESS TRAIL IN THE CASSIAN / WOODBORO BLOCK OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST—Bilogan distributed a map of the proposed new Disabled Access Trail in Cassian / Woodboro, east of Washburn Lake Road, to be opened for use in 2009. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to approve the proposed new location east of Washburn Lake Road. Motion carried.

PERCH LAKE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

- a) Project Update on the Construction of the Perch Lake Shelter Building—Bilogan reported the following: slab poured; in-floor heating installed; two thermostats installed; contractor hoping meeting December 1st deadline. Volunteer Agreement Amendment being finalized; workers compensation requirement waived by Finance Committee. Volunteers had work days to stain and seal lumber (siding).
- b) Trail development associated with the Perch Lake Development Project—Bilogan explained that the trail development work was 100% grant money and fits the policies the Forestry Committee has been following with gates, etc.

UPDATE ON ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (IF ANY)—None.

WCFA ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE APPROVAL—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to approve attendance of the WCFA Annual Meeting in Wausau, WI on November 6-7, 2008. Motion carried.

VARIABLE AGREAGE RESOLUTION—Bilogan explained that this resolution supplements everyday forestry management operating expended with stumpage revenue. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve this resolution and forward it to County Board in November. Motion carried.

COUNTY FOREST ADMINISTRATOR’S GRANT RESOLUTION AND RELATED WORK PLAN—Bilogan explained this resolution and related work plan that pays for part of the Forest Administrator’s salary. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve this resolution and forward it to County Board in November. Motion carried.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF DRILL PRESS—Bilogan explained that the purchase of a drill press was an approved equipment purchase in the 2008 Forestry Budget. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the purchase of a drill press. Motion carried.

MAP PRINTING—Bilogan explained the 100% grant for \$2,390.00 available for printing of maps of Enterprise ATV Trail, Lynne / Little Rice ATV Trail, Enterprise ATV Campground, and Washburn Trail. Bilogan had received a quote for \$875.00 for 2000 tri-fold maps. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the printing of maps. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve vouchers & blanket purchase orders for payment as follows: John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$111,15; A-1 Septic \$685.00; Greg’s Small Engine \$31.25; Carquest \$16.56; Sportsman’s Guide \$299.43; Pukall Lumber \$937.90; Rent a Flash \$535.73; Lee & Winter Construction Co. \$37,000,00; \$47,000.00; & \$35,000.00; Fastenal Co. \$110.67; WDNR \$3130.66; Tomahawk Sportsmans Center \$7737.00; Menard’s \$999.00;

Oneida County Snowmobile Council \$97,775.00; Airgas \$19.20; Ace Welding Supply \$42.57; Auto Value \$72.33; WDNR \$2573.12; Midway Hotel \$70.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$231.30; Frontier \$42.00; Alltel \$64.42; Culligan Water Conditioning \$66.25; Oneida Co. Solid Waste Dept. \$65.50. Motion carried.

The following Line Item Transfers were approved on a motion by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph:

TRANSFER FROM;
56116.521602=\$350.00
56116.521901=\$1280.00

TRANSFER TO:
56116.531703=\$350.00
56116.531703=\$1280.00

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—

December 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Forestry Committee Meeting: Encroachment on County Land Update; Hamann Logging payment; Land Issues; Department Long Range Plan Update; Perch Lake Project Update; WCFA Annual Meeting Report; 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Bill Welsh thanked FLORC for road gravel on ATV trail.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY