

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING # 15-2008

DATE: December 3, 2008  
TIME: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI  
PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Rudolph; Thompson; Baier; Peters.  
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.  
OTHERS: See Attached Attendees sign-in sheet.

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 9:00 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 NOVEMBER 3, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 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 Thompson, 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; Peters 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 Baier, seconded by Rudolph, that a roll call vote be taken to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye; Petroskey aye; Peters aye. Motion carried.

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by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to enter into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Thompson aye; Baier aye; Peters aye; Rudolph aye; Petroskey aye. Motion carried.

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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 19.85(1)(E), DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING 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: POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION (SENE SEC.26-T36N0-R4E, TOWN OF LYNNE). It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to enter into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Baier aye; Petroskey aye; Peters aye; Rudolph aye; Thompson aye. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL FOREST SNOWMOBILE TRAIL LAND USE AGREEMENTS—Bilogan stated background information on the reasons for approval of the industrial forest snowmobile trail land use agreements. Tom Wiensch, Assistant Corporation Counsel, was in attendance with his recommendations, as follows: prune trees for trail safety; groom / maintain trails from December 15, 2008 through March 31, 2009; maintain right to deny trail access for safety reasons, terminate agreement at any time, delete survival clause; liability insurance hold harmless indemnify clause by / through / under clause unclear; if a WI law suit takes place, stipulate that it be held in Oneida County; be contacted of notices, waivers, successors / assigns; no partnerships; decision of risk vs. impact. Bilogan suggested that state governors, WI Tourism secretary, area chambers of commerce be contacted. Have insurance amount waiver be placed on County Finance Agenda in December 2008. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to move forward and work on these aforementioned issues through the winter snowmobile season. Motion carried. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to direct Forestry Staff and Corporation Counsel to draft letters to DNR Secretary, WI Tourism Secretary, Chambers of Commerce, WCFA, and other affected counties, to work on the aforementioned issues. Motion carried.

COMPLETION OF 40' SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE EXTENSION—Bilogan stated that the 40' snowmobile bridge extension had been completed.

APPROVAL OF 2009 TRUCK BID SPECIFICATIONS—Bid specifications for a 2009 pickup truck were distributed and approved on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Baier. Motion carried. It was suggested that Town Chairs be contacted with the bid specifications and related information in case they would like the opportunity to purchase the Forestry Department trade in truck.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

- a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report—Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report.
- b) Timber Sale(s) for Disposition—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to act on the following timber sales for disposition: Contract #1457 held by New Page Wis System be closed as satisfactorily completed, and refund full cash deposit of \$6408.00. Contract #1459 held by New Page Wis System be satisfactorily closed , and refund full cash deposit of \$2302.00. Contract #1469 held by Biewer Wisconsin Sawmill be closed as satisfactorily completed, and return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$9307.46. Motion carried.

Next Brian Repenshek for Futurewood Corp was present to request that contract extensions on their 2005 contracts be extended for one year with 0% rate increase. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to grant the one year extensions with 0% rate increases on Contract # 1440, Contract # 1441, and Contract # 1443. Motion carried. On Contract #1452, held by Futurewood Corp, which expires in November 2009, there was an issue with a stream crossing bridge rental delay, which might result in a needed extension in November 2009.

PROJECT UPDATE ON THE PERCH LAKE PARK SHELTER BUILDING—Bilogan reported the following: \$1,000.00 worth of materials were stolen (on site, from the contractor). It was suggested that the shelter building be named the Judy Swank Shelter. The work of the contractor, Lee & Winter Construction Co., was approved by the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee.

UPDATE ON ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (IF ANY)—Bilogan stated that the first draft of the plan should be available by December 25, 2008.

2009 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT LONG RANGE PLAN UPDATE—Bilogan distributed the 2009 Forestry Department Long Range Plan. Rudolph noted some minor corrections. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Thompson, to approve the long range plan with corrections per Rudolph and Bilogan. Motion carried.

2008 ANNUAL GATE OPENING PROCEDURE—Bilogan explained that the 2008 annual game opening procedure will take place after deer season.

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) \$148.59; New Page Wis System \$6408.00 + \$2302.00; Menards

\$281.36; WCFA \$125.00; Oneida Co. Highway \$7838.84; Moritz Tires \$38.50; Fastenal Co. \$590.38; Musson Bros. \$926.25; Pukall Lumber Co. \$133.69; Scenic Signs \$81.50; Nicolet Surveyors \$3895.00 + \$8870.00; Airgas \$19.84; Auto Value \$2.58; Leander Zastrow \$400.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$401.82; Alltel \$56.27; Frontier \$42.00; Culligan Water Conditioning \$113.01; Lakeland Hardware \$12.88. Motion carried.

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

| TRANSFER FROM;       | TRANSFER TO:         |
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| 56112.531901=995.00  | 56112.521901=995.00  |
| 56112.699102=2500.00 | 56112.521901=2500.00 |
| 56112.699103=4000.00 | 56112.521901=4000.00 |
| 56116.531507=3400.00 | 56112.521901=3400.00 |

Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—**

January 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Forestry Committee Meeting: Encroachment on County Land Update; Perch Lake Project Update; 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan Update; Forestry Work Allowable Cut Update; consider 4 day work week and new employee for seasonal work; Amber Roth Project Update.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS—**Les Felbab inquired if the Forestry Department would ever consider “going green”, with a diesel truck. Rudolph mentioned WCFA meeting reports. No TAG members were interested in attending Forestry Committee meetings. Oradei stated that CWD had been detected in deer in Wood and Marathon Counties. Oradei mentioned that in the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests, pine marten on timber sales in the National Forests were being reviewed. Petroskey commented that there were a lot of coyotes in Langlade County. Bilogan stated that he hoped there would be a deer harvest explanation the WDNR. Bilogan stated that Chief Deputy Sweeney requested future Federal Forest monies be put in the Oneida County Sheriff’s Department account since they did law enforcement work in the Federal Forests.

Baier asked to be excused at 11:25 a.m.

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

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WILBUR PETROSKEY  
CHAIR

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CINDY ECKARDT  
RECORDING SECRETARY