

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING # 14-2009

DATE: November 4, 2009

TIME: 9:00 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: Manny Oradei; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Guy Hansen;
Tom Wiensch; Jim Adams; Pat Dineen.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:00 a.m. Chair Petroskey 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 Thompson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2009 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A MOTION WILL BE MADE, SECONDED, AND ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES, SECTION 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; AND 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: TIMBER THEFT AND LOGGING CONTRACT.—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to enter into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Petroskey aye; Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye. Motion carried.

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

REQUEST RECEIVED FOR A 0% EXTENSION ON TIMBER SALE CONTRACT # 1471—Forester Fiene explained the request, after which it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Petroskey, to deny the request for a 0% stumpage rate increase on the extension of Contract # 1471, and instead to offer the one year extension on the contract with a 10% stumpage rate increase. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report—Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date 2009 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$107,576.92 for October, and the Year-to-Date Amount of \$744,754.92.

b) Timber Sales for Disposition—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following timber sales for disposition in the following manner:

Contract # 1474 held by Steven Dassow be extended for one year with a 10% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1472 held by New Page Corp be extended for one year with a 10% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1471 held by Blomberg Logging be extended for one year with a 10% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1466 held by Kafka Forestry be extended for one year with a 10% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1464 held by New Page Corp be extended for one year with a 10% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1463 held by Futurewood Corp be extended for one year with a 10% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1452 held by Futurewood Corp be extended for one year with a 15% stumpage rate increase.

Contract # 1444 held by Burt Collins Logging be extended for one year with a 15% stumpage rate increase.

Motion carried.

It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the following timber sales for disposition in the following manner:

Contract # 1477 held by New Page Corp closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$6,584.75).

Contract # 1481 held by Tom Hartwig Logging Inc (Dick Hartwig) closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$5,042.80), pending road work inspection.

Contract # 1483 held by Weyerhaeuser closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$27,116.00).

Motion carried.

2010 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION—Bilogan explained the annual work plan and resolution, after which it was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to sign the resolution, and forward to Corporation Counsel for review and signature approval, and then forward to County Board for the November 10, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

WCFA ANNUAL FALL MEETING—Bilogan explained that he and Paul Fiene are interested in attending the WCFA Annual Fall Meeting, held near Spooner, WI on November 5—6, 2009. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to approve attendance of this meeting. Motion carried.

TOMAHAWK RIVER SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE (SECTION 18-T39N-R6E)—Bilogan explained that substantial progress had been made on the Tomahawk River Bridge Construction Project by Janke Contractors LLC. However, at this point additional work was required to lengthen and articulate the approach ramps. Bilogan stated that the Forestry Committee could approve the reimbursement request submitted by Janke Contractors LLC, but suggested that only 75% of the total contract price be paid at this time. The remaining contract balance of 25% or \$14,500.00 is to be withheld from Janke Contractors LLC until the project is completed and approved by an inspection performed by Oneida County Forestry Department personnel. Hearing this, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to approve these payments as outlined above. Motion carried.

HWY. J SNOWMOBILE TRAIL RE-ROUTE UPDATE—Bilogan informed the committee that due to the loss of a snowmobile trail land use agreement, the State-funded snowmobile trail located adjacent to Co. Rd. J in the Town of Newbold (SENE, Section 18, T39N, R8E) must be re-routed prior to the 2010—2011 snowmobile season. Bilogan described three possible options for re-routing the snowmobile trail, including cost estimates and advantages and disadvantages of each option. Upon the conclusion of the report, the Forestry Committee directed Bilogan to utilize Co. Rd. J as a snowmobile route to accomplish the re-route, as this option was the most economical. Bilogan pointed out that the Oneida County Highway Committee has the ultimate authority to permit or reject snowmobile use on County Roads. Bilogan further added that he would pursue the Forestry Committee's directive to formally designate a small section of Co. Rd. J as an official snowmobile route with the Oneida County Highway Committee.

SKI TRAIL MAP—Bilogan informed the committee of the need for printing of more ski trail maps, amounting to approximately \$1,000.00. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the printing of the ski trail maps. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS —It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: New Page Corp \$6,584.75; Hartwig Logging \$5,042.80; Weyerhaeuser \$27,116.00; John Bilogan expense voucher \$22.00; Rent a Flash \$469.05; WDNR \$2,186.91; Tidd Tech Ltd. \$5,356.84; Auto Value \$67.44; Carquest \$33.36; Janke Contractors \$43,500.00 + \$14,400.00; Airgas \$20.40; Wisconsin Public Service \$196.11 + \$30.31. Motion carried.

Line item transfers—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve line item transfers, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—December 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Forestry Committee Meeting: Closed Session Update; Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-Route Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Pat Dineen, Co-Chair of Oneida County Fair Team Planning Committee, expressed his interest for county educational booths for the fair in 2010, and requested ideas and resources for navigable waterways for Silent Water Sports for launching docks for kayaks and canoes.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY