

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING # 15-2009

DATE: December 2, 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.

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 Thompson, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2009 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the November 4, 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 Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to

return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Petroskey aye; Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye. 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 \$121,436.47 for November, and the Year-to-Date Amount of \$866,191.39.
- b) Timber Sales for Disposition (if necessary)—None.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ADMINISTRATION:

- a) Completion of Stacks Bay Bridge Re-decking contract—Bilogan stated that Lakeland Landscaping completed the project, replacing the boards, and re-decking the wear deck.
- b) Tomahawk River (N) Snowmobile Bridge Contract—Bilogan stated that Janke Contractors, Inc. had completed the majority of the project, and accordingly were given a reimbursement equaling 75% of the total contract value. With that said, several items need to be addressed by the contractor before the project can be deemed completed. It was noted that the snowmobile club responsible for grooming the section of trail upon which the bridge is located did voice several concerns regarding the construction of the bridge. The Forestry Department requested Janke Contractors, Inc. to address the concerns the snowmobile club had with the bridge. It is our understanding that all issues pertaining to this project will be resolved before the next Forestry Committee meeting. It was also noted that final payment to Janke Contractors, Inc. would not be made until the bridge has been deemed successfully completed.
- c) Trail Opening Procedure—Bilogan reviewed the Oneida County Snowmobile Trail Opening Procedure. It was noted that the trail opening procedure was largely developed by the Oneida County Snowmobile Council, which is a consortium of ten snowmobile clubs that groom and otherwise maintain the snowmobile trails in Oneida County.
- d) Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-route—Bilogan stated that he had been in contact with County Highway Department Commissioner, Nick Scholtes, about utilizing Hwy. J for the snowmobile trail. No decision had been made at this time.

PERCH LAKE SHELTER IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FROM RASTA—RASTA Representative, Guy Hansen, was present to request approval for installation of “Solatubes” in the ceiling of the shelter. No cost to county. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to grant RASTA’s request, deeming this as appropriate, and also meeting Bilogan’s approval. Motion carried.

TRAIL PASS ENFORCEMENT—Bilogan explained the need for trail pass enforcement. Various options were discussed. The Winter LTE Staffing Request for 2009 was approved in the amount of \$4,670.00. The Committee felt that it was important to have the ski trails groomed on the weekends and holidays, if adequate snowfall, and to approve payment overtime if necessary.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA—Bilogan explained the need for one or two surveillance cameras. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to purchase two cameras for the Forestry Department, not to exceed total amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS —It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: John Bilogan expense voucher \$59.90; Bill Breivogel expense voucher \$247.87; Paul Fiene expense voucher \$17.00; Argonne Lumber \$24.13; Ritchie Lakeland LP \$409.48; Greg's Small Engine Repair \$27.92; WCFA \$282.00; Mike's Rhinelander Glass \$84.50; WI DNR \$1247.24; Oneida County Health Dept. \$20.00; Lakeland Landscaping LLC \$8,600.00; Verizon Wireless \$70.84; Oneida Co. Highway Dept. \$1422.65; Nelson Paint Co. \$1898.86; Culligan Water Conditioning \$105.50; Airgas \$21.08; Fastenal Co. \$8.84; Frontier \$42.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$268.50 + \$29.93; Motion carried. 2010 Blanket Purchase Order Blank Forms were approved and signed by the Committee.

Line item transfers—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following line item transfers:

TRANSFER FROM:	TRANSFER TO:
55210.699109=\$410.00	55210.531501=\$410.00
56112.521901=\$1355.00	56112.531504=\$1355.00

Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—January 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Forestry Committee Meeting: Closed Session Update; Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-Route Update; Laurie Groskopf wolf management plan resolution request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Les Felbab and Manny Oradei expressed concern over the wolf population.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY