

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING # 2-2010

DATE: February 4, 2010

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;
Brian Desmond; Laurie Groskopf; Darryl Landeau (NCWRPC).

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 Baier, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 6, 2010 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2010 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 Baier, 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 End 2009 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$1,088,788.33. Fiene also distributed the Year-to-Date 2010 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$31,915.64 for January 2010.

b) Timber Sales for Disposition—The following timber sale contracts were acted upon in the following way, on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson: Contract # 1463 held by Futurewood Corp was closed as satisfactorily completed, and to return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$11,868.25. Contract # 1472 held by New Page Corp was closed as satisfactorily completed, and to refund full cash deposit of \$11,320.00. Contract # 1487 held by Wiitala & Vozka Logging was closed as satisfactorily completed, and to return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$8,670.00. Motion carried.

WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION (LAURIE GROSKOPF) UPDATE—Laurie Groskopf was present to address any questions the Committee had on the wolf management plan resolution before submission to the County Board on February 16, 2010. Rudolph felt that the resolution, upon County Board approval, should also be sent to Jane Severt, WCFA. Hearing this, it was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the resolution as amended and to forward it to the County Board. Motion carried.

SILENT SPORTS TRAILS:

a) Presentation of the Oneida County Biking & Walking Trails Council's County-Wide Route & Trail Plan—Tom Rulseh, OCBWTC, and Darryl Landeau, NCWRPC, presented the OCBWTC County-Wide Route & Trail Plan. Bilogan noted that no work was scheduled to complete the off road bike trail that had been previously proposed by the OCBWTC to follow the old grade that parallels the eastern right-of-way of Hwy. 47 north of McNaughton. Bilogan noted that a few years ago the proposed bike trail along the Hwy. 47 grade was one of the factors that eliminated an ATV trail from being developed between Lake Tomahawk, following the Hwy. 47 grade south, then jogging west near McNaughton and over to the Cassian Block of the Oneida County Forest. Bilogan said it didn't seem fair for one user group to reserve a strip of land to develop a specific type of trail, thus effectively eliminating the use of said strip of land from other user groups, and then never following through on the initial proposal to develop a trail on the strip of land in question. To that end, Bilogan suggested the OCBWTC County-Wide Route and Trail Plan be revised to include a realistic plan and time line to develop a bike trail along the grade between

McNaughton and Lake Tomahawk. If the OCBWTC declines to make the suggested revision, Bilogan recommended the Forestry Committee should reconsider endorsing the plan. Furthermore, if no plan is submitted to develop the segment of bike trail in question, Bilogan would like to see the OCBWTC terminate their land use agreement with the DNR so that other user groups could develop the grade in question for different trail opportunities. After hearing this, the Committee requested the OCBWTC and NCWRPC continue to work on plan for solutions for plan completeness, and return with input at the March 3, 2010 Forestry Committee meeting. A working draft of the Oneida County Bike Trail Map was distributed.

b) RASTA request to host a special race type event at Perch Lake Park & the Washburn Trail—There were some concerns about RASTA hosting a race type event at Perch Lake Park and Washburn Trail, such as liability issues. However, Corporation Counsel Desmond stated that the liability issue would be considered recreational immunity. Other suggestions were to possibly post the event in the newspaper, post signs, reserve the shelter for the day / weekend, and to waive ski trail directions for the date of the event, which is scheduled for March 7. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to allow the special race type event, at no cost to RASTA or the participants. Motion carried.

c) County Coordinator's opinion on 2010 non-budgeted overtime expenses—Bilogan stated that County Coordinator John Potters opinion on 2010 non-budgeted overtime expenses was to deal with the issue in the 2011 budget process. Baier felt that the weekend ski trail grooming should be contracted out. Rudolph stated the need for winter 2010 (i.e. December) non-budgeted overtime expenses, and feels it's necessary with a resolution to County Board.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ADMINISTRATION:

a) Tomahawk River Snowmobile Bridge Contract—Bilogan stated that there was an inspection of the Tomahawk River Snowmobile Bridge site on January 27, 2010, and that the Oneida County Forestry Department is satisfied with the completed repair work, and recommends returning the final payment of \$1,000.00 to Janke Contractors, Inc., with the stipulation that the damage to the private driveway of adjacent landowner (Mr. Sills) be repaired by Janke, to Mr. Sills satisfaction.

b) Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-route—Bilogan stated that he felt there are three options for the re-route, those being: channel bridge; dam; or Hwy. J. Bilogan stated that there may be some grant money available. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to authorize grant applications for this project. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE TO THE WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION
SPRING 2010 MEETING, MARCH 25 & 26, MIDWAY HOTEL (BEST
WESTERN), IN WAUSAU, WI—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by

Rudolph, to approve Forestry Committee and Staff to attend the WCFA Spring meeting in Wausau. Motion carried.

DNR WETLAND DELINEATION POLICY & ITS IMPACT ON ONEIDA COUNTY—Bilogan explained that the DNR Wetland Delineation Policy and its impact on Oneida County will be forthcoming (in writing). In the future, it's possible that a third party outside delineator will be available, such as with the WI Army Corp of Engineers. Project at the moment in question is the Burrows Lake Trail Re-route.

PERCH LAKE PARK FISHING PIER PROJECT BUDGET & PROPOSED PLAN—Bilogan stated that he had put together a project budget and proposed plan, considering options such as with or without a railing or curb on the fishing pier. Bilogan mentioned to the Committee that he was made aware of the fact that some disabled individuals did not like railing on a fishing pier because it gave them a caged feeling. Bilogan noted that building the pier with a 6" x 6" curb around the perimeter instead of railing would reduce the final price by at least \$1,200.00 to \$3,200.00. Citing overall safety reasons, the Committee felt the railing should be installed. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to direct Bilogan to prepare bid specifications for the Perch Lake Park Fishing Pier that included railing for the March 3, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

GOBLER LAKE STATE NATURAL AREA PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE—Forester Fiene addressed the issue of the Gobler Lake State Natural Area proposed boundary change, and it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the proposed boundary change and if necessary, authorize Bilogan to sign any necessary paperwork for the boundary change. Motion carried.

APPROVE SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2011 SNOWMOBILE TO PERFORM SNOWMOBILE TRAIL INSPECTIONS—Bid specifications for a 2011 snowmobile to perform snowmobile trail inspections were distributed for the committee to review, and it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the specifications as presented. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: New Page Corp \$11,320.00; John Bilogan expense voucher \$52.50; Bill Breivogel expense voucher \$219.94; Carquest \$126.42; Ron Hallstrom Sports \$71.98; Shoeder's \$44.92; Auto Value \$34.29; Bob's Power Center \$33.61; CIB \$68.56; Professional Automotive \$317.52; Tomahawk Sports Center \$276.49; Tidd Tech \$2,040.72; Lakeland Overhead Door Corp \$70.00; Oneida Co. Snowmobile Council \$48,887.50; Janke Contractors, Inc. \$1,00.00; Townships (Severance 2009) \$108,878.83. Culligan Water Conditioning \$59.25 & 60.10; Oneida Co. Hwy. Commission \$922.05 & \$388.87; Lakeland Hardware

\$41.75; Airgas \$21.08; Fastenal Co. \$72.72; Frontier \$42.00; Verizon Wireless \$51.04; Wisconsin Public Service \$536.84 + \$36.69; Wal Mart \$41.70. Motion carried.

Line item transfers—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve end of year 2009 line item transfers, a copy of which has been attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—
Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Agenda items: OCBWTC / NCWRPC plan solutions update; ski trail grooming contract possibility update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Tom Rulseh from Three Lakes stated that the Fish & Wildlife Services group be included in overall recreational trail planning.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY