

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 7-2010

DATE: **July 7, 2010**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members Rudolph; Thompson; Martinson; Berard; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Guy Hansen; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Brian Desmond.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2010 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2010 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

A. **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT.** County Forester Paul Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date 2010 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$95,839.64 for June 2010, and year to date total of \$475,104.04.

B. **TIMBER SALE FOR DISPOSITION**—The following timber sale contract was acted upon in the following way, on a motion by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph:

Contract # 1520 held by **New Page Corp** was closed as satisfactorily completed, and to refund full cash deposit of \$1,283.75. Motion carried.

C. **CONTRACT # 1497—CONTRACT AMENDMENT.**—Forester Paul Fiene explained that due to blown down trees on this timber sale area from the 6.23.2010 storm, he felt that Contract # 1497, held by Futurewood Corp, should be amended to reflect a \$2.00 per cord rate reduction, per specie. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the recommendation of the \$2.00 per cord rate reduction, per species, on Futurewood Corp Contract # 1497. Motion carried.

D. CONSIDER SPECIAL FIREWOOD PERMITS FROM 6.23.2010 STORM DAMAGE BLOWN DOWN TREES IN ENTERPRISE.—Forester Fiene explained that due to the storm damage blown down trees from the 6.23.2010 storm in Enterprise, there was significant amount of down trees (mostly aspen) along roads in the Town of Enterprise, to warrant a special firewood permit for people to gather firewood along the county road R-O-W. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the special firewood permits from 6.23.2010 storm damage blown down trees in Enterprise, and to notify the Town of Enterprise. Motion carried.

FISHING PIER PROJECT UPDATE—Bilogan stated that the Fishing Pier Project at Perch Lake Park has been completed.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION DOCUMENT (DID)—Bilogan distributed the county-required Departmental Information Document (DID) to the Committee, after which it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Forestry Department Departmental Information Document (DID). Motion carried.

POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE TO SATISFY LANDFILL WITHDRAWAL—

Bilogan explained the reason for possible land purchase to satisfy landfill withdrawal. Bilogan asked the Committee if the Forestry Department should move forward with parcels that may be for sale from persons who have expressed an interest in selling their property; OR: keep option open a little longer to see if we hear from any more persons interested in selling their property?

Baier inquired if the 40 acre parcel purchased in 2009 could be utilized to satisfy the landfill withdrawal. WDNR Liaison Forester Manny Oradei stated that no, it could not satisfy the landfill withdrawal.

It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to direct Bilogan to contact the high priority land owners and confirm with those landowners if they are truly interested in selling their property to the County for fair market value via appraised amount, and ask the landowner to respond by certain date, and bring back those findings to a future Forestry Committee meeting. Chair Baier asked for voice vote. Rudolph—aye; Thompson—aye; Martinson—aye; Berard—aye; Baier—naye. Motion carried.

WASHBURN TRAIL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE—Bilogan distributed a map of .66 miles of new trail for the Washburn Lake Silent Trails development.

DISC GOLF COURSE UPDATE—Bilogan explained that the disc golf course was coming along nicely. All 18 holes brushed, chipped, and mowed.

TREE SERVICE CONTRACTS—Bilogan explained that there was money in the 2010 budget for tree services needed at Almon, such as pruning large pine trees, etc. Bilogan noted that he had received two proposals for tree service companies: Aspen Tree Service \$4,400.00; Tip Top Tree Service \$4,890.00.

It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to accept the proposal of \$4,400.00 from Aspen Tree Service. Motion carried.

COUNTY HWY. J SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE UPDATE (IF AVAILABLE)—

Bilogan explained that grant applications for approximately \$300,000.00 were to be submitted by July 19, 2010.

MAPS OF COUNTY FOREST BLOCKS SHOWING PERCENTAGES OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCESSIBILITY—

Large maps of the County Forest Blocks showing percentages of motor vehicle accessibility were discussed. The Town of Enterprise felt that all berms and gates should be eliminated from the Town of Enterprise to open existing areas. Forestry Staff explained the reasons why some areas are seasonally closed to motor vehicles. Committee members requested smaller versions of the large wall maps used during the above described access discussion. Forestry Staff explained that smaller scale maps would render roads and trails undistinguishable, but would follow through with the request. The Committee requested Town of Enterprise officials submit a detailed list of the roads and trails they would like opened. Upon receiving said list, the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee will revisit this subject. No additional action taken at this time.

UPDATE ON PLANS FOR A COMMITTEE TOUR OF COUNTY FOREST FACILITIES, PROJECTS, & LAND—

July 28, 2010 was selected as the tour date. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the County Forest Shop, 5952 Forest Loop Road, in Rhinelander, WI. The tour will take 3 hours, or more, and will entail a tour of the Forestry Shop, Town Line Park, Perch Lake Park, Almon Recreation Area (and disc golf course), and the Enterprise Block of the Oneida County Forest.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—

It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$257.50; Eric Rady (expense voucher) \$20.16; New Page Corp \$1,283.75; Rent a Flash \$74.57; Carquest \$10.59; Mel's Trading Post \$275.00; Decker Lumber & Supply \$18,800.00; Northern Waste \$104.54; Auto Value \$57.32; Professional Auto \$38.00 + \$558.95; The Lodge at Crooked Lake \$700.00; ATV & Snowmobile Registration Renewals \$15.00; Cullgan Water Conditioning \$65.75 + \$78.75; Lakeland Hardware \$7.93 + \$78.97; Frontier \$42.00; Verizon Wireless \$61.63 + \$70.97; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$22.08; Oneida Co. Highway \$1,246.29 + \$6,180.10; Pomp's Tire Service \$13.93; Airgas \$22.14; Fastenal Co. \$45.06; Home Depot \$14.97; Menards \$21.50; Wisconsin Public Service \$133.10 + \$23.65. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers as follows, on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson:

Transfer From:	Transfer To:
56110.531302=\$700.00	56110.531305=\$700.00

Motion carried.

NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—August 4, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—
Oneida Co. Biking & Hiking Trails Council Amendment Resolution to Recreation Plan; some 2011 Budget Items; Proposed cell tower lease amendment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—As a point of information in reference to the accessibility in County Forest Blocks, Guy Hansen noted that it takes approximately 10 minutes to walk ¼ mile. Denny Thompson stated that he really liked the 2009 County Forestry Department's Annual Report; very informative and great format.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m. Motion Carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY