

FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 2—2011

DATE: February 2, 2011

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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

EXCUSED: Tom Rudolph.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Guy Hansen; Brian Hegge; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh;
Brian Desmond; Pete Wolk; Jim Wendt; Tom Christensen.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:02 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 Martinson, seconded by Berard, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 5, 2011 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2011 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:

a) Funding resolution for the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade—Bilogan distributed a funding resolution he had prepared for the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade, per the Finance Committee's recommendation. It was moved by Berard, seconded by Thompson, to approve submitting the resolution to the County Board (February 15, 2011) with the Bo-Boen Tribe Snowmobile Club contributing \$3,000.00 towards the cost of the upgrade (estimated to be between \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00) and to appropriate up to \$17,00.00 to cover the estimated balance of the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge load upgrade, and to amend the 2011 fiscal year County budget to meet all projected costs with monies to come from the Mineral Resources Account (#55410.493030). Motion carried.

b) Cooper Engineering Contract for the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge—Bilogan explained that he had a contract from Cooper Engineering for the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge, which would require signatures of County

Board Chair Ted Cushing, as well as the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Cooper Engineering Contract, subject to County Board approval, and then if the County Board approves the funding resolution, to proceed with signing the Cooper Engineering Contract. Motion carried.

RHINELANDER AREA SILENT TRAILS ASSOCIATION (RASTA):

a) Special Event Camping Request for Perch Lake Park—RASTA made a request for overnight camping at Perch Lake Park to allow approximately 20—25 campers in conjunction with a mountain bike race they hope to organize for the weekend of August 12—14, 2011. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to grant the request with the stipulation that RASTA provide the County with Certificate of Insurance for \$1,000,000.00 coverage and to include the exemption for overnight camping in the Ordinance for this event. Motion carried.

b) Request to develop a well and hand pump at Perch Lake Park—RASTA requested a well and hand pump be installed at Perch Lake Park, with RASTA contributing \$2,500.00 towards the well (50'—60') and hand pump. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the well and hand pump installation at Perch Lake Park, with RASTA contributing \$2,500.00 towards the well cost and to proceed if the well and hand pump cost estimate remains under \$5,500.00. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—Forester Fiene reported the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue for January 2011 as \$94,457.81.

b) FINAL YEAR-END STUMPAGE REVENUE FOR 2010—Forester Fiene distributed the year-end stumpage revenue report for 2010 as \$1,373,752.17.

c) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to act on the following timber sale contracts as follows:

Contract # 1502 held by **Bob Smith Logging close** as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit (\$13,858.82).

Contract # 1519 held by **Marshall Logging close** as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$24,086.75).

Contract # 1532 held by **T & T Quality Cutting close** as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit (\$10,165.69).

Motion carried.

STRATEGY TO ADDRESS INCREASED ALLOWABLE CUT:

- a) **FACTORS USED TO CALCULATE ALLOWABLE CUT**—Forester Fiene and DNR Liaison Forester Manny Oradei distributed fact sheets on annual allowable timber harvest, annual and long term harvest goals, recon acres scheduled and not scheduled for management, compartment stand information, and other very valuable information. The Committee was thankful for the information on increased allowable cut and the addressed strategies.
- b) **COST COMPARISON BETWEEN A LTE FORESTER AND A FURLOUGHED DNR FORESTER**—Bilogan stated that in checking with Paul DeLong of the DNR, there would be a conflict of interest with a DNR forester on furlough being able to work as an LTE Forester for the County. Bilogan stated that there is approximately \$2,000.00 left in the Sustainable Forestry Grant for an LTE Forester, which equates to approximately 17 days of work, or 130 hours.
- c) **RECOMMEDATION TO THE LRES**—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to approve 600 hours for a LTE Forester, with the hourly wage not to exceed \$25.00 an hour, and to consider and / or utilize Nicolet Staffing Temp Service, per Finance Director, Marge Sorenson's recommendation. Motion carried.

DENNIS BROWN MEMORIAL— Bilogan explained that he had received a request for permission from Steve Guthrie to have a sign erected on the County Forest at Goodyear Lake Road and Co. Rd. K in memoriam of Dennis Brown. The sign cost would be covered by another group. The County would be responsible for installation of the sign. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the request for the Dennis Brown Memorial sign placement on Oneida County Forest land. Motion carried.

WISCONSIN COUNTY FORESTS ASSOCIATION (WCFA) 2011 SUMMER TOUR:

- a) **Transportation**—Bilogan reported that he had obtained a price estimate of approximately \$2,400.00 for 3 buses the first day of the summer tour, and 2 buses the second day of the tour. The buses were Lamers Charter Buses and the bus company had sent a contract to be signed, which has to be reviewed by Corporation Counsel.
- b) **Catering**—tabled until future meeting.

ATTENDANCE OF THE SPRING 2011 WCFA MEETING—MARCH 17 & 18, 2011, IN KESHENA, WI—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve attendance of the Spring 2011 WCFA Meeting March 17 & 18, 2011, in Keshena, WI by Forestry Committee and Staff. Motion carried.

TOWN OF ENTERPRISE ACCESS REQUEST—Bilogan explained that he had received a request to attend a meeting on February 17, 2011 to the Town of Enterprise Town Board meeting to discuss the access request. Chair Baier stated that he would prefer an on-site meeting at a later date (this spring) with the Town of Enterprise Town Board officials, the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor

Recreation Committee, and Forestry Department Staff. Bilogan was directed to write Tiger Guth, Town Chair of Enterprise, requesting a list of possible dates for this tour of access locations in the Town of Enterprise.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: Rhinelander GM (truck) \$18,285.50; Oneida Co. Planning & Zoning \$300.00; Ritchie Lakeland Oil & LP \$591.58; Northern Waste \$104.54; Oneida Co. Snowmobile Council \$48,887.50 + \$58,707.42; John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$71.40; Argonne Lumber \$43.35; Marshall Logging \$24,086.75; T & T Quality Cutting \$10,165.69; Airgas \$22.14; Fastenal Co. \$15.06 + \$58.30; Culligan \$66.91; Frontier \$42.00; Oneida Co. Hwy. \$503.15 + \$920.80; Wisconsin Public Service \$516.43 + \$35.78; Verizon \$72.68. Motion carried.

Line Item Transfers: None.

DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—**March 2, 2011 at 9:00 am**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S). 2011 WCFA Summer Tour Update; Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Engineering Contract & load upgrade funding Update

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY