

**FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF MEETING # 9—2011

**DATE:** August 10, 2011

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Committee Room # 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**OTHERS:** Manny Oradei; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Bob England; Guy Hansen.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**—At 9:30 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 Thompson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2011 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING**—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2011 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—Fiene reported that the July stumpage revenue was \$7,945.86 and the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue was \$511,592.30.

b) **Transfer of Contracts # 1541 and # 1544 from Weyerhaeuser NR to Northwest Hardwoods Inc.**—Forester Fiene explained that Weyerhaeuser NR had been sold to Northwest Hardwoods Inc. and therefore, an official transfer of these contracts was needed. It was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to approve the transfer of Weyerhaeuser NR Contracts # 1541 and # 1544 to Northwest Hardwoods Inc. Motion carried.

c) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to act on the following sales in the following manner:

**Contract # 1521 held by Weyerhaeuser be closed as satisfactorily completed and refund full cash deposit of \$6,337.75.**

**Contract # 1541 held by Weyerhaeuser be transferred to Northwest Hardwoods Inc.**

**Contract # 1544 held by Weyerhaeuser be transferred to Northwest Hardwoods Inc.**

**Contract # 1539 held by Mr. Ed's Excavating be closed as satisfactorily completed and return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$17,871.40. Motion carried.**

d) **Timber Sale Access Tract 10-11 NENE & SENE Section 6, T35N, R9E**—Forester Fiene explained an access issue on a timber sale contract. The logging contractor was willing to work with the adjacent landowner to gain access to the timber sale tract 10-11. The adjacent landowner implied perhaps a land trade could be worked out with Oneida County. Oneida County Forestry Department staff did not recommend a land trade due to the length of time and effort involved in releasing of land from county forest

ownership. Hearing this, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Forestry Department staff recommendation not to consider a land trade for access. Motion carried.

**RAINBOW FLOWAGE SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE UPDATE**—Bilogan reported that additional funds had been approved and secured; snowmobile bridge installation is predicted to begin late September / early October; Cooper Engineering sent formal contracts and asked Chair Baier to sign the contracts. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to approve entering into the contract with Cooper Engineering for the Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Project. Motion carried.

**PERCH LAKE PARK WELL UPDATE**—Bilogan stated that a well and electric pump have been installed for \$6,516.00 at Perch Lake Park, and that a \$2,500.00 donation was also received from RASTA.

**2012 STAFFING REQUEST**—Bilogan explained that there were staffing requests for 2012 as follows: Cindy Eckardt, Account Technician, gave notice on August 1, 2011 that she would be retiring from employment with the Oneida County Forestry Department as of January 6, 2012. There is a 6 month hiring freeze for most positions, although a waiver can be applied for. From the Forestry Committee the request goes to the LRES Committee and then to the Finance Committee for the budget process. 2012 staffing requests are due to the LRES by August 17, 2011. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Berard, to approve filling the full time Account Technician position, apply to waive the 6 month waiting period to hire freeze, and request a replacement for training 30—60 days prior to January 6, 2012. Motion carried.

The Account Technician Vacant Position Analysis form, along with those for the LTE positions of LTE Forester; Winter Maintenance LTE; Ranger LTE; and Summer Maintenance LTE were all approved to be filled on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Berard. Motion carried.

**SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY GRANT FOR FORESTRY LTE POSITION**—Bilogan explained this Forestry LTE position for 500 hours. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the Sustainable Forestry Grant for the Forestry LTE Position. Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

(IF NECESSARY)—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: Weyerhaeuser \$5,337.75; Eric Rady (expense voucher) \$9.81; Press Express \$28.00; Lakeland Lawn & Equipment \$38.97; Hodag Landscaping \$3,672.00; Musson Bros. \$9.43; Webster Well Drilling \$6,516.00; Northern Waste \$104.54; Cooper Engineering \$5,838.03; John Bilogan (expense voucher) \$78.63; Three Lakes Winery \$39.80; Florence Co. Forestry \$15.00; Marinette Co. Forestry \$50.00; Airgas \$24.00; Culligan Water Conditioning \$73.25; Oneida Co. Solid Waste \$78.30 + \$109.23; Oneida Co. Highway \$2,321.35; Auto Value \$113.39; N. River News \$49.80; Pomp's Tire \$175.76; Frontier \$42.00 + \$42.00; Verizon \$67.98; Wisconsin Public Service \$132.18 + \$25.82; Menards \$13.86; Wal Mart \$122.74. Motion carried. No Line Item Transfers were necessary.

**STATE TRAILS COUNCIL**—Bilogan explained that Jane Severt with the WCFA had informed him of a position opening on the State Trails Council. Bilogan went on to

explain that he was told there were 4 meetings a year to attend. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve Bilogan applying for the position on the State Trails Council. Motion carried.

**DISC GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT REQUEST**—Len Allen with the Disc Golf Group was in attendance and requested 8' x 4' concrete slabs for the 18 "T" boxes at the Disc Golf Course in Almon Park. The concrete is being donated, but pre-excavation work is needed by the Oneida County Forestry Department to prepare the "T" boxes for the concrete slabs. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the pre-excavation work to be done by the Oneida County Forestry Department. Motion carried.

**REVIEW WCFA SUMMER TOUR**—Bilogan gave a review concerning the issue with the shirts that were purchased to be used by Oneida County Forestry Department Staff and Committee to the WCFA Summer Tour and other Forestry related meetings.

**DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**—September 7 at 9:30 a.m. and October 5 at 9:30 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)**--Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Update; Review of working with State and Federal Foresters in Forest Management and help with other programs.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Les Felbab inquired if the Park Ranger LTE hours were decreased, would Oneida County Law Enforcement hours be increased to patrol parks and forestry facilities? Bilogan stated that additional hours cannot be guaranteed. Les Felbab also stated that he heard of a landowner that had to pay a \$100.00 fee to the Federal Government (Forest) to access his land (i.e. revenue enhancement). Guy Hansen stated that the well was a nice asset to the Perch Lake Park and that it would come in handy for the August 12—14 bike race.

**ADJOURNMENT**—With business completed, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried.

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GARY BAIER  
CHAIR

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CINDY ECKARDT  
RECORDING SECRETARY