

**FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 11—2011**

DATE: **October 5, 2011**

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

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

OTHERS: Manny Oradej; Peter Wolk; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Guy Hansen;
Al Samz; Mary Watland.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:35 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 SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—Fiene reported that the September stumpage revenue was \$55,610.57 and the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue was \$617,878.49.

b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to act on the following timber contracts as follows:

Contract # 1489 held by **Future Wood Corp** was extended for one year with a 25 % rate increase.

Contract # 1498 held by **Timberline Logging** was extended until December 31, 2011 with 0 % rate increase due to circumstances such as weather and markets that were described by Forester Paul Fiene and contract holder, Mary Watland, representing Timberline Logging.

Contract # 1510 held by **Steven Dassow** was extended for one year with 10 % rate increase.

Contract # 1511 held by **Future Wood Corp** was extended for one year with 10 % rate increase.

Contract # 1514 held by **Wiitala & Vozka Logging** was extended for one year with 10 % rate increase.

Contract # 1516 held by **Kafka Forestry** was extended for one year with 10 % rate increase.

Contract # 1517 held by **Fink Forest Products** was extended for one year with 10 % rate increase.

Contract # 1518 held by **Kleinschmidt Logging** was extended for one year with 10 % rate increase.

Contract # 1495 held by **New Page Corp** was extended for one year with 15 % rate increase.

Motion carried.

Contract # 1468 held by **New Page Corp** has been invoiced for scale before and after September 7, 2011 due to New Page declaring bankruptcy. New Page Corp had submitted a Customary Trade Term Agreement in which the Court approved payment to suppliers. However, Contract # 1468 is near completion. Therefore, it was moved by Martinson, seconded by Thompson, to continue to do business as usual / normal, pending Corporation Counsel review and approval to negotiate with the terms of the Customary Trade Term Agreement, along with Chair Baier's signature. Motion carried.

c) Award Timber Sale Bids to Successful Bidders—In keeping with policy allowing Forestry Staff to open, read, and record timber sale bids at a publicly advertised place and date, this was done by Oneida County Forestry Department Staff on October 4, 2011, with the following results of the successful bidders being presented to the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee as follows:

Tract 3-11 awarded to high bidder, Bob Smith, total bid value \$119,768.16.

Tract 5-11 awarded to high bidder, Marshall Logging Inc, total bid value \$29,938.50.

Tract 7-11 awarded to high bidder, Smola Brothers Inc, total bid value \$124,260.90.

Tract 9-11 awarded to high bidder, Bob Smith, total bid value \$61,812.50.

Tract 12-11 awarded to high bidder, Biewer Lumber, total bid value \$17,488.00.

Tract 13-11 awarded to high bidder, Biewer Lumber, total bid value \$5,132.08.

Tract 14-11 awarded to high bidder, Future Wood Corp, total bid value \$11,860.55.

Tract 15-11 awarded to high bidder, Future Wood Corp, total bid value \$61,246.80.

Tract 16-11 awarded to high bidder, Kleinschmidt Logging, total bid value \$88,696.25.

Tract 17-11 awarded to high bidder, Timberline Logging, total bid value \$93,439.00.

Tract 18-11 awarded to high bidder, Biewer Lumber, total bid value \$70,638.00.

Tract 19-11 (NCF) awarded to high bidder, Biewer Lumber, total bid value \$18,049.10.

Tract 20-11 awarded to high bidder, Biewer Lumber, total bid value \$65,289.00.

Tract 21-11 awarded to high bidder, Kleinschmidt Logging, total bid value \$32,537.50.

Tract 22-11 awarded to high bidder, Biewer Lumber, total bid value \$153,067.50.

It was moved by Berard, seconded by Rudolph, to award the tracts to the high bidders as stated above, and pending final computation checks. Motion carried.

d) New Page Corp Bankruptcy—Forester Paul Fiene informed the committee about the letter from New Page Corp about the voluntary commencement of New Page Corp into chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code.

RAINBOW FLOWAGE SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE—Bilogan reported that the bridge (approximately 280', and costing approximately \$350,000.00) contractors moved on-site to begin work in the very near future, with approximately 3 weeks work prior to the bridge arriving. The contractors should be finished in November.

FORESTRY ACCOUNT TECHNICIAN POSITION UPDATE—Bilogan reported that Finance Director Margie Sorenson would like the account technician wage re-evaluated, and for the position to include additional duties. It was felt that the position should be retained as a full-time position. After Margie's recommendation, the issue will be placed on the LRES meeting agenda.

SNOWMOBILE BID SPECIFICATIONS—Paul Fiene distributed copies of the bid specifications for a new 2012 or 2011 model year snowmobile. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to approve the snowmobile bid specifications as presented. Motion carried.

REVIEW EXISTING FEE SCHEDULE FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL PERMITS, FACILITY RENTALS, AND GRAVEL ROYALTIES—Bilogan distributed a user fee pay schedule for the Oneida County Forestry Department, indicated firewood gathering permit fees, balsam bough permit fees, campground fees, trail pass, park shelter building reservation charges, gravel royalties, and disc golf course (possible) fees. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Berard, to approve the Perch Lake Shelter User Fee to \$75.00 and the campground fee to \$12.00 per day / night. Motion carried. No increase in trail fees, firewood permit fees, balsam bough permit fees, gravel royalties, or to charge for using the disc golf course.

RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY MANAGEMENT OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND—This item was tabled pending outcome of USFS meeting to be held at Nicolet College.

2011 FALL WCFA MEETING ATTENDANCE—Bilogan stated that the 2011 fall WCFA meeting will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011, starting at 8:00 a.m. at The Pointe Hotel in Minocqua, WI. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to authorize attendance of the 2011 fall WCFA meeting for Forestry Committee and Staff (including LTE Ben Parsons if applicable). Motion carried.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL LAND USE AGREEMENT SECTIONS 223 & 26—T39N—R10E (TOWN OF THREE LAKES)—Bilogan reported that the Goelkes had shut off the trail. However, Chair Baier stated that he was going to be in a meeting with Goelkes and State Representatives to resolve the situation and / or to re-route the trail.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS—It was moved by Berard, seconded by Martinson, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: Erroll Moser (ADA gate key refund) \$50.00; Dept. of Corrections \$1469.04; A-1 Septic \$850.00; Antigo Machinery Sales \$110.12; Musson Bros. \$96.00; Fabco \$27.90; Nelson Paint Co. \$1918.34; Cooper Engineering \$2255.74; Airgas \$24.80; Oneida Co. Solid Waste (fuel) \$36.30; Frontier \$42.00; Wal Mart \$47.29; Wisconsin Public Service \$133.15 + \$24.14; Northwoods River News \$101.80.

Line Item Transfers as follows:

From:	To:
55212.522001=\$160.00	55212.523290=\$160.00
55210.522002=\$425.00	55210.521901=\$425.00

Motion carried.

DATE OF NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—**November 2, 2011, 9:30 a.m.**

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Forestry Account Technician Position Update; Rainbow Flowage Snowmobile Bridge Update; USFS Paul Strong's goals RE: County Management of U.S. Forest Service Land; Town Line Park on-site after meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Guy Hansen stated that he liked the trail use promotion, especially of the Nose Lake Trail.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY