

**FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING # 4 - 2012**

DATE: April 4, 2012

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members Berard and Thompson;
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Bradley.

OTHERS: Les Felbab & Bill Welch, OCATVA; Manny Oradei, DNR

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 Berard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE March 7, 2012 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2012 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—Fiene reported that the March stumpage revenue was \$73897.12; he added that current revenue has been affected by the early spring break up.

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

Contract # 1518 held by **Kleinschmidt** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return full Letter of Credit deposit of \$15091.95. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE SPRING 2012 TIMBER SALE BID PROCEDURE AND DATES— It was moved by Thompson and seconded by Berard to approve opening bids on May 1, then award bids at the regular FLORC meeting on May 2. Motion carried.

2011 FORESTRY, LAND, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT—Bilogan presented a draft of the Forestry & Parks 2011 Annual Report for submission to the Oneida County Board. Thompson moved to approve the draft and submit to the Board; seconded by Berard. Motion carried.

BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE BURROWS LAKE ATV TRAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT— Bilogan presented the bid specifications for the Burrows Lake ATV Trail project. He noted that the project will be paid equally with ATV and Snowmobile dollars. Thompson moved to go forward with bid procedures; Berard seconded. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE CORRIDOR 13 SNOWMOBILE TRAIL REROUTE PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF THREE LAKES— Since the private owner has rescinded easement for the current direct route, Oneida and Vilas Counties will collaborate to construct a new trail that will connect both counties. Vilas' expected cost will be approximately \$227,000 and Oneida's cost is expected to be approximately \$180,000. There have been some gratis preliminary engineering observations completed by MSA. Bilogan noted that the Sugar Camp alternative route is another way to possibly proceed. The Forestry department will apply for grants so they can consider all options.

CLOSING PROCEDURE FOR TOWNLINE PARK— County Board finance hearings decided to reallocate the money set aside to rehab Townline Park, since the park gets little use. Oneida County will need DNR approval to close/no longer maintain the Park since state funds were used to develop the Park in the 1960's and 1970's. The proposed plan is to either salvage or demolish the restrooms, tables, grills, and other equipment. Discussed moving the gate to allow boat landing use only. Blocking access with boulders would allow for two boat –trailer parking spaces. Bilogan noted that the Park closure would provide an excellent opportunity to convert the area into a needed campground. Thompson motioned to move forward with closing procedures; Berard seconded. Motion carried.

SCHEDULED OPENING DATES FOR FIREWOOD GATHERING PERMITS, ENTERPRISE CAMPGROUND AND ATV TRAILS—Due to the unusually warm weather, it was moved to allow the Department to change opening dates as they see fit for the 2012 season. Thompson motioned and Berard seconded. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS, AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS— It was moved by Berard, seconded by Thompson, to approve the attached lists of vouchers, blanket purchase orders and line item transfers for payment. Motion carried.

Total Blanket Purchase order vouchers: \$1360.07
Total Individual Voucher payments: \$1287.44
Total Line Item Transfers: \$12,849.00

NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—*Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 9:30 a.m.*

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—

- a. Elect vice-chair
- b. Timber Sale Bid Opening
- c. Update on Townline Park

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Felbab asked about Townline Lake conditions. Oradei stated that it contains a threatened species of bladderwort, so cannot be cleared out.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Berard, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY