

**FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF MEETING

**DATE:** August 1, 2012  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Committee Room 1, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

**PRESENT:** Chair Baier;; Committee Members: Martinson, Rudolph, Shidell, Sorensen.  
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley. Brian Desmond, Corporation  
Counsel.

**OTHERS:** Bill Welsh, Lester Felbab, OCATVA. Guy Hansen and Brian Hegge, RASTA.  
Tim Plude, Manny Oradei, WDNR. Dennis O'Brien.

**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 Sorensen, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 2012 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—** It was moved by Shidell, seconded by Sorensen, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 Forestry Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

**TOWN LINE LAKE PURPLE BLADDERWORT.** At Martinson's request, Tim Plude of the DNR gave an overview of the issues involved in any attempts to control or eliminate purple bladderwort. No action taken.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—**  
Fiene reported that the July stumpage revenue was \$95,109.45; stumpage year to date totals \$613,523.63
- b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—**It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Shidell, to act on the following timber contract as follows:

**Contract # 1503** held by **Smith Logging** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return full letter of credit in the amount of \$11,947.37

**GRAVEL CRUSHING BIDS—**There were two bids received. Duffek Sand & Gravel bid \$4.41/cu yd. Pitlik & Wick bid \$3.99/cu yd. It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Rudolph to accept the lower bid and award the contract to Pitlik & Wick. All aye. Motion passed.

**RASTA AGREEMENT (DRAFT 2) & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTIONS-** Bilogan presented the second draft. There were minor corrections requested by the RASTA representatives. Rudolph moved to accept the agreement with the requested edits and approval by Risk Management. Sorensen seconded. All aye. Motion passed.

Bilogan presented two resolutions to go to the County Board. One resolution authorized RASTA to take over trail grooming. The second resolution changed the paygrade of the remaining Forester position to a Grade Level 9 effective 1/1/2013. Rudolph moved to send the resolutions forward to LRES and the County Board. Martinson seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

**2013 STAFFING REQUEST** – Bilogan presented the Forestry LTE requests for 2013. There are 4 LTEs requested, as the grooming transfer to RASTA changed needs from prior years. Rudolph moved to accept the Staffing Requests as presented, Martinson seconded. Shidell abstained. Motion passed 4-1.

**UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-** Bilogan presented an ordinance amendment to address the new approval of UTVs using the ATV trail system. Sorensen moved to send the amendment to the County Board, Martinson seconded. All aye. Motion passed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 2 OF PROPOSED ONEIDA COUNTY LAND USE PLAN.** Bilogan provided copies to committee showing Forestry comments and suggestions. No action taken.

**SHERIFF'S DEPT TRAINING AT PERCH LAKE PARK-**Three county law enforcement groups will be performing training drills and requested Perch Lake Park and associated trails be closed on August 29, 2012 for the duration of the exercise. Rudolph moved to allow the closure, Sorensen seconded. Shidell voted no. Motion passed 4-1.

**VOUCHERS, BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS.** It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson to approve payment of vouchers. All aye. Motion passed.

Blanket Purchase Orders = \$ 2359.94  
Single-Purchase Vouchers = \$ 594.20

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Further discussion of the purple bladderwort issue at Townline Lake
- Forestry, Land & Recreation Departmental Budget for 2013

**PUBLIC COMMENTS—**

Dennis O'Brien - requested copies of the RASTA resolutions.

Gerald Shidell – opposed to Stewardship program or purchasing any additional land for County Forest. County is not able to reap a profit by selling it and no income is produced from taxes.

Thomas Rudolph – the County Forest timber revenue reduces the tax levy. Generates more revenue to the County than private taxes ever would.

**NEXT FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—***Wednesday September 5, 2012, 9:00 a.m.*

**ADJOURNMENT—**With business completed, it was moved by Martinson, seconded by Sorensen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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GARY BAIER  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY