

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 5-2008

DATE: May 7, 2008
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Rudolph, Baier, Thompson, Peters;
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt;
DNR Liaison Forester Manny Oradei;
TAG Member Samantha Stelmack
OTHERS: John Potters; Les Felbab; Judy Swank; Ron Teclaw; Nick Saliendra;
Ken Krall

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—The meeting that had been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law was called to order by Chair Petroskey at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVE CURRENT AMENDED AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve the current amended agenda with the order of amended agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2008 Forestry Committee meeting. Motion carried. (Patricia C. Peters and Dennis Thompson abstained from voting on the approval of the minutes, since they are new members and obviously hadn't attended the April 2, 2008 meeting.)

NEW FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A) INTRODUCTION / WELCOME—New Members Patricia C. Peters and Dennis Thompson were introduced and welcomed to the Forestry, Land, & Outdoor Recreation Committee. Chair Petroskey asked those in attendance to introduce themselves to the new members.

B) APPOINT ACTING / VICE CHAIR—Patricia C. Peters nominated Dennis Thompson for acting / vice chair. No other nominations. It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to close nominations and elect Dennis Thompson as Vice Chair. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO THE USFS LAND USE AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTING CARBON FLUX DATA ON THE ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST—Ron Teclaw and Nick Saliendra with the USFS were in attendance to answer any questions pertaining to the amendment to the land use agreement. Amendments to the land use agreement were insertions in sections 7 and 8 of the agreement. It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Petroskey, to rescind the old agreement and approve the new amendment with the two changes. Motion carried. Ron Teclaw also referred any questions on the carbon flux study to the following web site: www.ameriflux.com

ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

A) LIST OF RECREATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED BY THE FLORD BETWEEN 2004—2008—Bilogan distributed a list of recreational accomplishments achieved by the Forestry Department between 2004—2008.

B) PROPOSED RECREATIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE FLORD—Bilogan distributed a list of proposed recreational goals and objectives of the Forestry Department. The Perch Lake Park Development Project was discussed and Bilogan explained the need to reclassify County Forest Land south of Trout Creek Road and northeast of Washburn Lake Road as a silent sports trail area. Baier suggested a tour of County Forest facilities, which would be beneficial for new committee members. Friday, May 23, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. meet at the County Forestry Shop, 5952 Forest Loop Road, Rhinelander, WI.

UPDATE ON ENCROACHMENT ONTO COUNTY FOREST LAND BEST DESCRIBED AS THE SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4, SECTION 25, T36N, R6E—Bilogan updated the Committee on this encroachment situation. Certified letters had been sent to the landowner, with deadline dates prior to the June 4, 2008 Forestry Committee meeting date.

GENERAL CODE CHAPTER 14 (AND POSSIBLY CHAPTR 25) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR THE INCLUSION OF CAMPGROUND USE REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES—Bilogan distributed copies of the Ordinance Amendment of the General Code Chapter 14 and possibly Chapter 25. Rudolph stated that on page 12 Forfeiture and Total should be added to the top of the column headings. Fiene corrected this and brought it back to the meeting for the committee's approval. It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to accept the Ordinance Amendment of the General Code Chapter 14 and 25 and forward to May County Board meeting. Motion carried.

2007 FLORD ANNUAL REPORT—Bilogan had distributed the 2007 FLORD Annual Report to the Committee. It was suggested that this report be placed on the county web site. It was then moved by Rudolph, seconded by Baier, to approve the report and forward to the May County Board. Motion carried.

APPROVE RECREATIONAL TRAILS ACT GRANT APPLICATIONS—Bilogan explained the three Recreational Trails Act Grant applications. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Peters, to approve the three Recreational Trails Act Grant applications, with chair's signature. Motion carried.

SNOWMOBILE BID OPENING—Four bids were received, read aloud, and recorded as attached hereto and made part of these minutes. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to reject the low bid of Track Side due to not meeting bid specs; and to go with next low bid of \$7,737.00 of Tomahawk Sports Center providing all bid specifications are met. If bid specs not met, proceed to next low bid. Motion carried.

REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING 50 HP UTILITY TRACTOR

A) DIRECT SALE OR TRADE IN OLD TRACTOR—Discussion ensued on direct sale or trade in of old tractor. It was then moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to bid out both ways (direct purchase and trade in option) for a utility tractor. Motion carried.

B) APPROVE BID SPECIFICATIONS—Bilogan distributed bid specifications for 1 new 2008 compact utility tractor. Considering above options, it was moved by Thompson, seconded by Baier, to approve specifications with the direct purchase and / or trade in option. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES

A) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—County Forester Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, which depicted a Year-to-Date Total of \$233,727.33.

B) TIMBER SALE(S) FOR DISPOSITION—Timber Sales for disposition were acted upon in the following manner:

Contract # 1447 held by Burt Collins was closed as satisfactorily completed, return full letter of credit deposit (\$15,055.00) pending road and ditch inspection, on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Baier. Motion carried.

Contract # 1438 held by Futurewood Corp. was closed as satisfactorily completed, return full letter of credit deposit (\$27,317.75), pending road inspection, on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Baier. Motion carried.

Contract # 1410 held by Futurewood Corp. was closed as satisfactorily completed, refund \$100.00 cash deposit, and return letter of credit deposit (\$10,288.00), pending road inspection, on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Baier. Motion carried.

County Forester Paul Fiene explained the following contracts:

Contract # 1428 held by Hamann Logging to be cancelled due to not being able to complete contract. It was recommended that the County cancel contract and hold the 40% bond on file, until after November 2008 timber sale, at which time retain 40% bond and bill for additional bond up to \$9,309.72 to make up difference between new bid and original bid. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Thompson, to cancel Contract # 1428, and retain bond until November 2008 timber sale, at which time retain 40% bond and bill for additional bond up to \$9,309.72 to make up difference between new bid and original bid. Voice Vote. 4 ayes (Petroskey, Rudolph, Thompson, Peters) 1 naye (Baier). Motion carried.

Contract # 1432 held by DeBoth Bros. to be cancelled due to not being able to complete contract. It was recommended that the County cancel contract and hold the bond until after November 2008 timber sale, at which time retain difference between new bid and original bid. Voice Vote. 4 ayes (Petroskey, Rudolph, Thompson, Peters). 1 naye (Baier). Motion carried.

UPDATE PERTAINING TO PERCH LAKE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT—

Bilogan gave an overview of the Perch Lake Park Development Project, indicating that RASTA (Rhineland Area Silent Trails Association) had donated \$28,000.00 to the Perch Lake Park Development Project. Bilogan explained the reason to reclassify an area

for silent sports trails. It was then moved by Dennis Thompson, seconded by Patricia C. Peters, to approve the reclassification of County Forest Land located south of Trout Creek Road and northeast of Washburn Lake Road described by Forestry Staff (see attached map) as a silent sports trail area. Motion carried.

APPROVE USE OF ONEIDA COUNTY LOGO ON THE REVISED ONEIDA COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL MAP THAT IS SCHEDULED FOR REPRODUCTION THIS YEAR—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Thompson, to approve the use of Oneida County logo on the revised Oneida County Snowmobile Trail map. Motion carried.

ATTENDANCE TO THE COUNTY FOREST ASSOCIATION (CFA) SUMMER TOUR JUNE 25, 26, AND 27 IN WAUSAU, WISCONSIN—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to approve attendance of Forestry Committee and Department Staff to attend the County Forest Association Summer Tour June 25—27, 2008 in Wausau, WI. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS IF NECESSARY—It was moved by Peters, seconded by Rudolph, to approve vouchers & blanket purchase orders for payment as follows: Futurewood Corp. \$100.00; Fastenal Co. \$119.89; Northern Welding \$12.26; UW—Extension \$160.00; Oneida Co. Highway Commission \$451.10; Carquest \$9.15; Shoeder's \$19.90; Auto Value \$26.33; Tomahawk Sports Center \$505.99; Mike's Rhinelander Glass \$164.00; DCI Building Center \$183.47; A-1 Septic \$42.50; Airgar \$18.60; Oneida County 4-H Leaders \$81.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$584.28; Alltell \$56.68; Culligan \$63.50 & \$57.25; Frontier \$42.00; Lakeland Hardware \$63.13 & \$88.01; Northwoods Media \$23.16 & \$69.00. Motion carried. No line items transfers were necessary.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Tractor Bid Opening; Perch Lake Park Development Project Update; May 23 Tour of County Forestry Department Facilities; May 28 Oneida County 5 Year Outdoor Recreation Plan Public Meeting; Change time from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. of June 4, 2008 Forestry Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Chair Petroskey thanked TAG Member Samantha Stelmack for her attendance of the Forestry Committee meetings, and wished her well in her future after high school graduation! Good Luck Samantha!

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY

