

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: February 6, 2013

TIME: 9:00 a.m. Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Baier; Committee Members: Martinson, Rudolph, Shidell, Sorensen
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Bradley.

OTHERS: Lester Felbab and Bill Welsh, OCATVA. Guy Hansen, RASTA.
Manny Oradei, DNR.

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 Martinson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE January 9, 2012 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS— It was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
Bilogan reported that the January stumpage revenue was \$192,438.55.
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—It was moved by Martinson, seconded by Rudolph, to act on the following timber contract as follows:

Contract # 1540 held by **Wesley Bushor** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return Letter of Credit deposit in the amount of \$16758.13.

Contract # 1584 held by **Carl Gladwin** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return cash deposit in the amount of \$400.00

Contract # 1510 held by **Steve Dassow** was **closed** as satisfactorily completed, and return Letter of Credit deposit in the amount of \$ 7310.64

All aye, motion carried.

BOOM SPRAYER COST ESTIMATES

Bilogan provided estimates from three vendors for the 150 gallon sprayer which was approved previously. Lakeland Lawn & Equipment had lowest bid at \$2435.00; Sorensen moved to purchase from Lakeland, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

WCFA SPRING MEETING IN MADISON, MARCH 21-22, 2013

Sorensen moved to allow any committee members and designated Forestry staff to attend. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

2014-18 ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Bilogan explained that in order to qualify for Stewardship and other grants, the county must have a new plan in place by 2014. Towns are also included in the plan if they wish, which makes them also eligible for funding.

Bilogan explained the process, stating that there is a great deal of public input. He stated that the Perch Lake Shelter project was completely funded by a Stewardship grant.

Baier explained how the Town of Nokomis received a matching grant to construct three baseball diamonds. He feels it was a good move and that revenue related to the park usage has increased significantly, especially since the Fall Ride moved to Nokomis. They are presently working on ATV routes and will continue to apply for grants.

Shidell asked the cost to have the plan done. Sorensen asked whether the project has ever been bid out to private sector. Bilogan stated that the North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) has always done the Oneida County Plan. Forestry does not pay anything additional to the NCRPC for the Outdoor Recreation plan. Rudolph said that this plan is included with the assessment that Oneida County pays to NCRPC and that if we were to do this with a private contractor, it would cost approximately \$20,000. Sorensen questioned whether there would be any billing for this project. Bilogan stated the only cost might be if more than ten hard copies were requested.

Rudolph commented that the NCRPC has an extensive database in place, whereas a private contractor would basically be starting from scratch. Shidell asked whether anyone could access the data to create a plan. Since they are funded by public money, the information should be available to the public.

Sorensen stated that the minutes will document the fact that discussion stated there will be no billing from NCRPC for this project.

Bilogan stated that the only charge would be for copy fees if more than ten copies are ordered. Towns are not charged to be included in the plan.

Baier said Town of Nokomis was pleased with the NCRPC data and can go on their website and see data for any of the towns.

Sorensen said Town of Pine Lake used a private civil engineering firm from Green Bay for their comprehensive plan and was exceedingly pleased with the results. A grant from the DNR paid for a large portion of the project.

Rudolph moved to utilize the NCRPC to develop the Oneida County 2014-18 Outdoor Recreation Plan at no additional cost. Martinson seconded.

Shidell commented: I find this organization to be morally reprehensible. I find it absolutely ridiculous to spend our money competing with private enterprise. The fact that ten counties are still doing it means only that the government has stacked the deck, has financed this thing so it's impossible to not do it and it's wrong, morally, reprehensibly wrong. I have never supported this organization and I never will.

Baier, Martinson, Rudolph voted aye. Sorensen and Shidell abstained. Motion carried.

ALMON PARK SHELTER PROJECT

Forestry and Highway feel that it would be in the County’s best interest to start the project sooner than the previously approved start date. The Highway Department can demolish the existing structure and level and clear the site prior to the bidding. Bilogan feels if the bidders see a prepared site, the County will get much better bids. He requested the committee reconsider the August 15 start date and allow demolition to begin as soon as possible. There would be no use of the shelter during this summer, but it would be complete with established grass in the spring. Martinson moved to allow the project to start at Forestry’s discretion. Rudolph seconded. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— None

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Martinson, seconded by Sorensen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

GARY BAIER
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY