

## **FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** August 7, 2013

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**OTHERS:** Lester Felbab, Bill Welsh OCATVA. 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 Rudolph, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JULY 3, 2013 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**— It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Martinson, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2013 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT:**

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—  
Fiene reported that the July stumpage revenue was \$62,542.24;  
stumpage year to date totals \$505,366.22.
- b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—None

**CANCELLED ATV TRAIL LAND USE AGREEMENT UPDATE**—Bilogan reported that he has spoken with the landowner's representative again. When he said that the garbage problem could be addressed by ATV clubs and the County, the response was a new concern about possible invasive species coming in with ATV's. So the matter is closed for all intents and the ATV clubs and Town of Nokomis will move forward.

**ALMON PARK SHELTER PROJECT**—Pavilion is almost completed. Project is moving along on budget and on time.

**SHINGLE MILL ROAD WIDENING PROJECT**—Project is completed, widened 1 foot on each side. Due to the facts that it was widened two feet/side in a 2-mile area near the campground and Highway adjusted the pricing, it came in over budget. The higher price/mile may also affect the timeline of the rest of the Forest Roads widening project.

**2014 LTE STAFFING REQUESTS**—Forestry is again requesting 4 LTE positions for the 2014 budget year. The only change from 2013 is that the SFI LTE will be for 800 hours. That position is 100% funded by the DNR. Rudolph moved to approve the requests and forward them to the LRES committee. Sorensen seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**2014 DRAFT FORESTRY BUDGET**—Shidell moved to postpone budget discussions to the September meeting. Sorensen seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**ALMON PARK UTILITY EASEMENT**—WPS requires a signed easement agreement in order to access the electrical equipment/lines if necessary. Sorensen moved to approve the easement, subject to approval by Corp Counsel. Shidell seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.**

Vouchers totaled \$23,047.22 were approved by the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**—OCATVA members had comments about the garbage dumping on private lands not being done by ATV or snowmobile users. If anything, they report dumped items so they can be cleaned up. Felbab commented that the offenders get away with it because they rarely get citations. Oradei suggested that the Committee talk with law enforcement to explain the problem and request stronger repercussions. Shidell recommended that be an agenda item be added for the next meeting to tighten up dumping citations. We need to educate the public that they will receive heavy fines and unwanted publicity for illegal dumping. Rudolph suggested inviting the deputy sheriff to attend. Baier added that we request the Sheriff's department provide number of how many had citations issued and how many did not receive citations.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Citations / Deputy Sweeney
- Town of Lynne severance payments (David Schatzley)
- Perch Lake landowners
- 2014 Draft Forestry Dept Budget
- November Timber Sale

**ADJOURNMENT**—With business completed, it was moved by Sorensen, seconded by Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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GARY BAIER  
CHAIR

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JILL BRADLEY  
RECORDING SECRETARY