

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING # 4-2008

DATE: **April 2, 2008**
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Committee Room #1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI
PRESENT: Chairman Rudolph; Committee Members Petroskey; Hansen; Wickman;
Baier; Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt; DNR Liaison Manny Oradei
OTHERS: Les Felbab; Matt Matteson; Brian Desmond; John Potters;
Fred Heider (NCWRPC); TAG Member: Samantha Stelmack

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 Chairman Rudolph at 1:00 p.m.

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2008 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2008 Forestry Committee meeting. (Since Rudolph and Hansen were absent from March 5, 2008 meeting, they abstained from voting on the approval of the minutes.) Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A MOTION WILL BE MADE, SECONDED, AND A ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES, SECTION 19.85(1)(G), CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WITH RESPECT TO LITIGATION IN WHICH IT IS OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED. TOPIC: ENCROACHMENT ON COUNTY FOREST LANDS—It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Wickman, to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Wis Stats Sec.19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of discussing encroachment on County Forest lands. Roll call vote: Wickman aye; Petroskey aye; Baier aye; Hansen aye; Rudolph aye. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION—It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to return to Open Session. Roll call vote: Wickman aye; Petroskey aye; Baier aye; Hansen aye; Rudolph aye. Motion carried. Per Corporation Counsel Brian Desmond, Chairman Rudolph stated that the Committee took action in Closed Session to remediate encroachment on County Forest land.

USFS RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR COLLECTING CARBON FLUX DATA ON THE ONEIDA COUNTY FOREST—Bilogan reported that a final version of the lease agreement had been prepared, awaiting Chairman Rudolph's and County Board Chairman Andrew Smith's signatures on the agreement. It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen, to authorize Chairman Rudolph to sign the agreement on behalf of the Committee. Motion carried.

ONEIDA COUNTY 5-YEAR OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN (FRED HEIDER—NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION)—Fred Heider was in attendance to start the process of updating the Outdoor Recreation 2009—2013 Plan. Heider distributed material with resource information, goals, and objectives, and suggestions for obtaining information from the public and town municipalities (Town Chairs and Town Clerks) via cover letters and surveys, along with public meetings in April or May. Baier stated that the WI Towns Association should be involved and since he is the chair of that association, he asked to be kept informed of future meetings facilitated by the NCWRPC. Bilogan stated that he felt there should be a public meeting to obtain input on outdoor recreational opportunities on the Oneida County Forest. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m., in the Oneida County Court House, County Board Room, Second Floor, Rhinelander, WI, for comments from the public concerning outdoor recreational opportunities on the Oneida County Forest, and other matters referring to the Oneida County 5-Year Outdoor Recreation Plan.

TOWN OF LYNNE GRAVEL CRUSHING REQUEST AND CONTRACT—The Town of Lynne had requested gravel for crushing to be used on Town of Lynne roads. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to approve said request and contract to be signed by Chair Rudolph. Moton carried.

PROPOSED COUNTY FOREST CAMPING ORDINANCE DRAFT 3—Bilogan distributed a final draft version dated April 2, 2008 of the proposed Oneida County Camping Ordinance for review by the Committee, before forwarding to County Corporation Counsel for review / approval. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Wickman, to approve the Oneida County Camping Ordinance as prepared by Bilogan. Motion carried. Bilogan next distributed a map of the proposed Campground Boundary, after which it was moved by Baier, seconded by Petroskey, to approve the official Campground Boundary and associated map for use as an appendix to the Oneida County Camping Ordinance. Motion carried.

CAMPGROUND FIREWOOD POLICY—Bilogan presented a variety of options for consideration for the campground firewood policy, including Oneida County supplying firewood, the ATV club supplying firewood with a voluntary monetary donation system, or having a private party supply firewood. The Committee decided to have firewood provided at the campground, by the Forestry staff and ATV Club, for use by registered campers while staying at the Oneida County Forest campground. Furthermore, said firewood shall be free of charge; however, donations shall be encouraged. It was then moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, that no firewood shall be brought into any County Forest land, campground, or park from outside of Oneida County. Motion carried.

REPORT ON MADISON MEETING PERTAINING TO THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ATV TRAIL ON THE NORTHERN HIGHLAND AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST—Bilogan gave a brief synopsis of the meeting he had attended on March 12, 2008.

2008 SNOWMOBILE & ATV TRAIL MAINTENANCE, DEVELOPMENT, AND REHABILITATION GRANT PROPOSALS—Bilogan presented the following 100% funded grant applications for 2008 snowmobile & ATV maintenance, development, and rehabilitation projects: It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve the

applications for the 2008 snowmobile & ATV maintenance grants. Motion carried. It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to approve the application for the new bridge grant. Motion carried. It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve the application for the Cassian Snowmobile Trail Re-route grant. Motion carried. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Hansen, to approve the application for the 3 bridge re-decking project grants. Motion carried. It was moved by Wickman, seconded by Petroskey, that the Forestry Committee authorizes Chairman Rudolph to sign the grant applications. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue—A chart & graph were distributed showing the year-to-date timber stumpage revenue as prepared by County Forester Paul Fiene, after which it was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to accept report. Motion carried.

b) Timber Sale(s) for Disposition--The timber sale agenda was distributed and action taken as follows:

Contract #1428 held by Hamann Logging to be extended for one year with 10% rate increase, on a motion by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman. Motion carried.

Contract #1432 held by DeBoth Bros. Logging to be extended for one year with 10% rate increase, on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey. Motion carried.

Contract #1428 and #1432 were purchased in April of 2005 when the market was very good. Since then the market has dropped and the stumpage rates are at a price that the contractor cannot make a profit, it was suggested that Fiene write a letter to these contractors asking if they intended to finish the contract, and then to proceed with cancellation of the contracts if necessary.

UPDATE PERTAINING TO CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND BUDGET FOR THE PERCH LAKE WARMING SHELTER—Bilogan distributed construction plans of a steel post and frame shell building, but hadn't received a cost estimate at this time.

SNOWMOBILE BID SPECIFICATIONS—Bilogan stated the need for a new snowmobile for grooming ski trails. This is an approved budget item (around \$7400). It was then moved by Petroskey, seconded by Wickman, to approve the snowmobile bid specifications as presented by Bilogan. Motion carried.

UW—EXTENSION REQUEST BY JIM WINKLER, 4-H AGENT, FOR ONEIDA COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2008 ONEIDA COUNTY FAIR—It was moved by Hansen, seconded by Baier, to approve the Forestry Department's participation in the 2008 Oneida County Fair (August 15 & 16). Motion carried. It was also suggested that a letter to the WDNR requesting Manny Oradei to man a similar booth at the fair would be helpful.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET ORDER PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—The following vouchers were approved for payment on a motion by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey: Greg's Small Engine \$15.95; Wal-Mart \$50.68; Sherwin-Williams \$27.20; Eric Rady \$8.00; John Bilogan \$248.54; Oneida County Highway \$824.03; Ron Hallstrom \$115.96; Shoeder's \$44.00; Auto Value \$52.95; WCFA \$225.00; Airgas \$17.40; Nicolet Surveyors \$4,975.00. Motion carried. The following blanket purchase orders were approved for payment on a motion

by Petroskey, seconded by Hansen: Wisconsin Public Service \$821.48; Alltel \$57.84; Oneida County Solid Waste Department \$15.50. Motion carried.
No Line Item Transfers were necessary.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—Perch Lake Shelter Update; 5 Year Recreation Plan Update; Encroachment Update; Annual Report; Open Snowmobile Bids; Tractor Specifications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—Chairman Rudolph informed the Committee of a Sustainable Forestry Conference on April 17, 2008 in Florence, WI and stated that he would like to attend. The Committee approved of Rudolph's attendance at this conference. Les Felbab thanked Gary Baier on behalf of the Town of Nokomis for the picnic tables. Guy Hansen thanked the Committee for the opportunity to serve on the Forestry Committee. Bill Yaeger introduced himself, as a Town of Newbold resident, that is interested in silent sports, and is interested in attending future meetings. Welcome Bill Yaeger.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, at 3:48 p.m. it was moved by Hansen, seconded by Petroskey, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

THOMAS RUDOLPH
COMMITTEE CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY

