

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: December 4, 2013

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

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

OTHERS: Lester Felbab and Bill Welsh, OCATVA. Guy Hansen, RASTA.
Manny Oradei, DNR. Fred Heider, NCWRPC. Brian Desmond, Corp Counsel.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 9:00 a.m. Vice-chair Sorensen 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 Shidell, 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 NOVEMBER 6, 2013 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS— It was moved by Shidell, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2013 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

1. Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue is at \$1,058,000.
2. TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—It was moved by Shidell, seconded by Rudolph, to act on the following timber contract as follows: Contract # 1530 held by Futurewood Corp closed as satisfactorily completed, return Letter of Credit deposit. All aye, motion carried.
3. Update on timber sale contracts. Reference checks were good, bids accepted.

2014 Forestry Department Work Plan and Associated Resolution. Rudolph moved to approve; Martinson seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Land survey contract update T37N-R7E, Section 24, Clear Lake Road area. Contract was awarded to low bidder, Maines and Associates. Work will be completed in December and the money was already in the 2013 budget.

Forestry, Land, and Recreation Department 2014 Long Range Plan. Martinson moved to approve the plan. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Oneida County 5-Year Outdoor Recreational Plan Update. Fred Heider provided a draft of the plan for review. Not all recommendations will be attempted, but if they are included in the plan there is a much better chance for Stewardship funding.

Oneida County ATV Association gravel request estimate and plan. Bilogan recommended Oneida County apply for an ATV grant to pay for gravel, hauling and spreading. The plan for 8 miles of trail would cost about \$23,000. Martinson moved that Forestry apply for a grant. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Establish department head goals for 2014. Bilogan provided a list of recommended goals, including achieve stumpage, monitor ATV & snowmobile programs, complete the Almon Park shelter, and working through the issue with the Town of Lynne. Martinson moved to approve the goals, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Felbab thanked the Committee for assistance ATV's received this year.

Town of Lynne Willow Road weight limit ordinance Shidell asked whether weight limits will affect timber sale revenue. He feels this is the Town's issue and does not want all the Oneida County taxpayers billed to pay to correct Lynne's problem. Bilogan replied there will be a huge impact on timber contracts. Contractors already are intimating that they will forfeit their bonds rather than try to fulfill the contracts without using Willow Road.

Proposed ad-hoc committee with all concerned parties to come to a resolution of the matter. They anticipate the first meeting before Christmas. Bilogan recommended two Committee members be appointed to the ad-hoc group. Sorenson moved to appoint Martinson and Sorensen as Forestry Committee reps on the ad-hoc committee. Martinson seconded. Shidell voted no, motion passed on vote of 4-1. Martinson recommended inviting pertinent legislators and Jane Severt of WCFA.

It is anticipated that the committee may consider a motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1) (e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The issue to be discussed is Timber Contract #1592. The Committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session.

Rudolph moved to go into closed session, Martinson seconded. Roll call vote. All aye.

Return to open session. Shidell moved to extend the contract acceptance period to February 7, 2014 and retain the bid bond during that time. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Contract #1530 update on reason for low percentage cut.
2014 Draft 5-Year Outdoor Recreational Plan

ADJOURNMENT. With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Shidell, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
VICE-CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY