

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: December 3, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Rudolph, Van Raalte, Zunker
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

OTHERS: Brian Hegge, RASTA. Dan Mortensen, Cooper; Jim Bollman, MSA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER— At 4:00 p.m. 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 Rudolph, seconded by Van Raalte, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. All aye. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2014 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Mott, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 FLR Committee meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$1,432,537.64.
- b) Review timber sale bid results and award contracts. Four tracts were re-advertised after not selling at the November sale. Rudolph moved to accept the high bidders on the two re-advertised sales. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried. Van Raalte moved to allow the unsold tracts to be offered for direct sale. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

RASTA

1. Request for the fabrication of a donation drop box. RASTA withdrew request due to cost.
2. Brian Hegge of RASTA explained that the Enterprise trail is not used much and the terrain makes it attractive for Fat Tire Bikers. RASTA is willing to do enough trail grooming to ensure there is a packed trail. The trail is about 8 miles and the markers present will be sufficient.

Bilogan noted that because the DNR funded the original trail, it must remain designated a trail. The Oneida County Forestry Department has no issue with it as long as there are no other requests for trail changes or reroutes, etc. RASTA has agreed to carry the liability.

Mott moved to approve the change to allow Fat Tire bicycles on the Enterprise Trail. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Winston & Sandra Long submitted a donation proposal to the Land & Info Committee. (GL 2 & SE-NW Section 4, Township 36 North, Range 5 East, Town of Little Rice, Oneida County WI). It is not worth anything to Forestry Operations as it is a bog. If it was decided to add it to the County Forest using the Stewardship grant, a state appraisal would need to be conducted at a large expense. The appraisal would not need to be considered immediately. Rudolph moved to accept the donation of approximately 80 acres on behalf of the Forestry Department as long as there was no cost to the County. Van Raalte seconded. All aye motion carried.

Topics: 1. Non-metallic Mining & Road Contract and 2. Engineering Proposal Presentations

Rudolph moved that the committee adjourn into closed session pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(e)(g) 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 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. Mott seconded. Roll call vote, all aye. The Committee entered closed session.

The Committee returned to open session. The Committee selected MSA to engineer the Pickerel Canal snowmobile bridge project. Corporation Counsel will pursue filing a claim against the Town of Lynne for the missing gravel pit material.

2015 LONG RANGE PLAN. Mott suggested adding a column for outcomes. Van Raalte moved to approve the plan, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers totaled \$3,365.14 were approved by the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS— None

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Presentation on Stewardship Land Acquisition process
- Ordinance Amendment to prohibit bicycles on snowmobile trails

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Mott, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY