

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

**DATE:** April 1, 2015 **TIME:** 4:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**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 MARCH 11 AND March 23, 2015 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING.** Van Raalte moved to approve minutes. Zunker seconded. Rudolph abstained. All aye, motion carried.

### Forest Management:

- a) March Timber Stumpage Revenue \$161,028.72.
- b) Timber Sales for Disposition: All cut to satisfaction and recommend returning deposits: Fink Forest Products, #1618 and #1629; Marshall Logging #1567; Roberts Logging, #1622, Tigerton Lumber, #2609 and McCrae #1604. Marshall #1548 has roadwork when they can get in, retain \$2000 until that is completed. Rudolph moved to close contracts and return deposits as recommended. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**2014 ANNUAL REPORT** Bilogan submitted the Forestry annual report to the committee. He explained how allowable harvest is calculated. Van Raalte noted that the LTE labor is paying for itself with the prices of timber set up by the LTEs. Van Raalte moved to approve the annual report and submit it to the County Board. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**ATV TRAIL RANKING TOOL.** Bilogan stated that in response to recent numerous requests for additional ATV trails, he created a method to quantify the attributes of the proposed trails, the ability of the clubs to maintain the trails as required, and the sustainability of the trails. Sorensen asked that the two existing ATV club members look over the ranking tool and give their input at a future meeting. Bilogan noted this is a first draft and will likely need changes. Although most town roads are becoming ATV routes, the ranking will give higher points to off-road trails.

**2015 ONEIDA COUNTY ATV PROGRAM GUIDELINES** The Forestry Dept updates the program guidelines annually, and distributes to each club. It contains information about new club requirements, rules and regulations, forms the clubs will need to complete in order to receive maintenance payments, and related information. The ranking tool has been added, but will need to be fine-tuned.

### **BUREAU OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS (BCPL) INITIAL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS.**

Bilogan explained the background of BCPL, and that Oneida County has the highest number of BCPL acres. He has been having discussions with the State Treasurer about possibly trading County Forest land for some isolated BCPL parcels in County Forest blocks. They would like to trade all their ownership in the County Forest for land that would adjoin with their current

acreage up in the north part of the county. If the committee directs, Bilogan would evaluate the BCPL parcels according to their accessibility to merchantable timber.

Bilogan added that they asked several times about managing the BCPL land. There would need to be discussions about additional personnel or equipment, etc.

Rudolph asked how we would manage those isolated parcels in the western part of the county. Sorensen felt it was not feasible, Bilogan noted with additional personnel or funding, it might be done, as it would be only a few timber sales to be set up. Rudolph thought it might be something for Oneida County to pursue, but felt that someone should come to a Committee meeting and spell out what they are thinking.

**FISTA TRAINING (\$85 X 8 = \$680)**

Bilogan requested the entire staff be allowed to attend safety training. Van Raalte moved to approve, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Annual Report
- ATV Ranking Tool
- ATV Program guidelines
- Invite Matt Adamczyk to committee meeting re BCPL
- 2% Severance increase

**VOUCHERS & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

Vouchers totaled \$146,674.33. Van Raalte moved to approve vouchers, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Guy Hansen asked if RASTA members could take the FISTA training with Forestry staff. Bilogan said that 16 participants will get the best price.

Manny Oradei said the participants may be required to provide Personal Protection Equipment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rudolph moved to adjourn, Zunker seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Jack Sorensen, Chair

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Jill Bradley, Recording Secretary