

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: June 3, 2015

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, Guy Hansen, RASTA; Gene Dallman, Pel-Cho Mudd Nutz;
Bill Welsh, OCATVA; Brian Desmond, Corp Counsel; Manny Oradei, DNR

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 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 Mott, 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 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Mott, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

SILENT SPORTS PROGRAM:

Oneida County contract with RASTA for work covered under WI RTA Grant-605-14. Brian Hegge of RASTA spoke about the organization's concern with the lack of liability limitation in the contract. RASTA feels that there should be limits as they are providing a \$1 million liability policy. The Committee felt that Oneida County should not be held responsible for any claims, whether it exceeds the \$1 million or not. Sorensen directed Desmond to look into the ramifications and bring the information to the next meeting.

The Committee did not enter a closed session, as had been anticipated. (TOPIC: RASTA contract for trail building at Washburn Lake Silent Sports Area).

RASTA 5-Year Plan.

The plan was revised from a 4-year plan. The plan was previously approved except for four items related to the Cassian Ski Trail expansion. The cost of these items is approximately \$4500 which is about 25% of the Department's current Parks capital improvement budget. Although he has no problem with RASTA grooming the trail extension, Bilogan would like to see the parking lot trailhead delayed until a kiosk and drop box can be installed. If the restrooms are not fixed, they will need to be torn down. Completion of these items will require a budget increase, as there are other projects that have been pushed back several times. Mott moved to request an increase to the capital improvement budget for 2016 to \$24,500. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT— \$4933.70, low but normal for spring break up.

- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION – Miljevich requested a time extension to their existing access agreement (to access a private sale). Mott moved to approve, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) Access agreement NESE Sec 25 T37N R7E Town of Cassian – Private logger (Tassler) requested to cross county forest to access a private sale. The logger has to leave forest as found. Van Raalte moved to approve, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- d) Award Timber Sale Contract – One job from spring sale readvertised; no bids. After 2 offers, this may be offered as a direct sales. Van Raalte moved to approve a direct sale, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- e) Direct Timber Sale: Tassler Timber Operations – Since he will be going through a 2 acre aspen/pine stand to access a private sale (item c), Forestry offered the timber direct, as it was past due for harvesting. The total was about \$1000. Mott moved to approve, Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.

ATV / UTV PROGRAM:

- a) ATV/UTV Trail Ranking Tool and club comments (if any). As no written responses were received from either ATV/UTV club, Mott motioned to move the topic to the July meeting. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- b) Trail Easements & Land Use Agreements. Van Raalte moved to approved the updated forms as presented in the Oneida County ATV/UTV Program Manual. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) ATV/UTV Club Contract. Rudolph moved to accept the contract as formulated in the manual. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- d) Oneida County ATV/UTV Program Manual. Rudolph moved to approve the manual except for the ranking tool, which would be discussed at the next meeting. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- e) ATV/UTV Ordinance Amendment 14.17 (2)(i) & associated amended agreement between Oneida County and the Pel-Cho Mudd Nutz ATV/UTV Club. Rudolph moved to approve the amendment and agreement. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- f) Cross Country Cruisers ATV/UTV club & trail sponsorship request. Rudolph moved to preauthorize sponsorship, with the club completing all requirements before official sponsorship is permitted. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- g) ATV/UTV Ordinance 14.17(2)(j). After discussion of possible expansion of allowable riding regulations, Rudolph moved to keep the ordinance as is. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Discuss potential sale of county owned land located east of Clear Lake Road, in the SE1/4 of the NW1/4, Section 24, T37N-R7E. Bilogan presented the appraisals and expenses to sell each of the three portions to the landowners who require access. Mott moved to offer the owners each outlot for purchase. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Proposal for Severance increase of 2%. It was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Sorensen, to send the proposal to Corp Counsel to be drafted into a resolution. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Gail Winnie stated that the 2% would not be much help fixing the roads damaged by logging traffic in Cassian. Sorensen noted that if the road was deeded to the county, it would be taken care of by the county.

Les Felbab requested an agenda item next month regarding riding snowmobiles both on County Forest roads and cross country.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers totaling \$12,149.66 were presented to the committee. Van Raalte moved to approve, Mott seconded. All aye. motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

RASTA Liability Limits – Brian Desmond
Resolution for Severance Increase
BCPL trade/management status update
Snowmobile ordinance

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Rudolph, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY