

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: October 7, 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: Desmond, Corp Counsel

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 THE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING— It was moved by Van Raalte, seconded by Zunker, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 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 \$989,317,000 and there are 13 jobs open at this time.
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—Contract 1591, Futurewood is done to satisfaction. Mott moved to close contract and return deposit. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) PCA Temporary Access request. Van Raalte moved to approve, Mott seconded. All aye, motioned carried.
- d) Temporary access policy review. Jim Hoppe of PCA requested that the committee allow the Department to approve temporary access requests in order to streamline simple, non-contested requests. The committee agreed that a resolution be brought to the November meeting to allow
- e) Grad student archeology project. The request is to do her thesis on the McCord Indian Village property. It would entail ground penetrating radar, metal detectors, and four test pits. The state archeologist recommended the site to her. The historic officers from Flambeau and Potawatomie tribes are also going to participate. Mott moved to approve the research request, on the condition that we be provided with written letters of approval from each tribe, copies of any correspondence between the student and the tribes, and the results of the study. Van Raalte seconded. There was a question of ownership of any artifacts discovered. Fiene noted that the land owner (Oneida County Forestry Department) would have the option of how to distribute any items found. All aye, motion carried.

RASTA CONTRACT

RASTA is still debating about signing the contract. A decision will be made next week. Sorensen stated that if there is no contract, the Department will close Woodboro trails.

Closed session: Rudolph moved to enter closed session, Mott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (e)(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: Burrows ATV Bridges

Committee returned to open session. No motions made during the closed session.

Good Neighbor Authority Pros and Cons for Oneida County. Bilogan explained that the number of acres approved for 2016 would dictate 5.5 FTE's, of which 25% would be available to counties. He estimates Oneida County would have a timber sale very infrequently due to the minimal amount of federal land. Travelling out of county is allowed, but he doesn't feel it is practical for Oneida County. Rudolph moved to support the concept, but we are not in a position to participate at this time. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Bid Opening. Almon Parking Lot asphalt. There were two bids submitted. Only Option B, the 3 foot excavation and fill, bids were under the budgeted amount. Bilogan noted that the requirement that the breaker run have fractured edges on all sides added about \$20,000 to the bids. Sorensen moved to accept Option B and award the contract in the amount of \$111,500.00 to Musson Brothers. Van Raalte seconded, all aye. Motion carried.

Bid Opening. Tractor and rotary mower. There were two bids submitted. Low bid was \$66,825 along with the Case in trade. The optional auger was approved. Van Raalte moved to accept the low bid with auger. Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

DOT Signs for Enterprise Campground. We are in the process of working with the DOT to try to get signs installed on Hwy 17, as requested by Lester Felbab (OCATVA). Bilogan provided a picture of the allowable signage. Rudolph moved to go ahead with the purchase of two signs at a cost of \$1010. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Staff attendance at Statewide Forestry Meeting. Fiene was requested to speak and they are paying all his expenses. Sorensen moved to allow Fiene to travel to the meeting. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Ordinance update re: Parks garbage. An ordinance amendment was submitted to specifically forbid dumping non-recreation related garbage in park dumpsters. Mott moved to submit the resolution to the County Board. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Townline parcel acquisition resolution. Bilogan stated the Town of Newbold has no objections to Oneida County purchasing the Townline parcels. There was discussion of how to pay for the parcels and the development of a campground. Knowles-Nelson Stewardship or at a project loan could be an option, but the loan payments come from stumps, which would not then be available to the general fund. Rudolph felt it should go to the County Board for consideration. Van Raalte prefers to have a better understanding of the development costs for the proposed campground. Rudolph moved to bring a resolution with more information to the County Board after the first of the year. Mott seconded. Roll call vote: Mott aye, Rudolph aye, Zunker nay, Van Raalte aye, Sorensen, nay. Motion carried.

OTHER LAND SALES PROPOSALS

- a. Langlois rejected the two parcels submitted as possible trade for their parcel; they state they want usable water frontage. Bilogan suggested it may be possible to offer a tax delinquent property that may be more attractive to them. Sorensen suggested Bilogan discuss the possibility with Mike Romportl.
- b. DNR has two parcels in Oneida County. One is all swamp, but the one on McCord Road is nice pine. Knowles-Nelson cannot be used, so it would be 100% on the levy or project loan. The Committee's consensus was to pass on these, since money is tight.
- c. Meteor Industrial Lands has parcels up in Thunder Lake area. They are adjoined with state BCPL parcels which may come up for sale. The total could be a fourth County Forest block of 3000 acres. The Meteor land can use Knowles-Nelson, and can generate timber revenue that may pay for a project loan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

- Felbab asked about the potential for allowing long term campers, who may be helpful in managing the campground at a special rate.
- Hanson noted that there are very few campgrounds available in Oneida County and encourages the department to pursue a new facility.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers totaled \$65,556.52 motion to approve by Van Raalte, seconded by Rudolph. All aye, motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Langlois Land
DNR Access Resolution
Meteor Land Proposal
Elcho Trail Development
Cost of Labor at the ATV Campground

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Zunker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY