

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 4, 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 Van Raalte, seconded by Mott 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 Mott, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 FLR Committee meeting with minor corrections. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$1,325,582.56.
- b) TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION—Van Raalte moved and Rudolph seconded motion to approve contract closings as follows:

1550	Smith Logging	1641	Roberts Logging
1574	Central WI Lumber	1643	Wiitala & Vozka
1595	Thums Construction		

Deposits will be returned when full payment is received.

- c) Review timber sale bid results and award contracts.
There were 28 bids on the 9 tracts. Fiene recommended they all be awarded to high bidders. Van Raalte moved to approve, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Closed session: A motion was made by Sorensen, seconded by Mott and approved unanimously by 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.

ATV/UTV Reports.

- Road Routes. Only one issue has been reported so far; a route and road sign were stolen.
- New trail update. Bilogan provided Power Point slides to indicate the current, new and proposed Enterprise ATV/UTV trails. The proposed trails are geared to reduce road routes. The Committee was in agreement that the plans look good and directed Bilogan to continue with this project plan.

DNR Access Agreement & Resolution. Information only, no action taken.

RASTA 2016 Trail Maintenance Contract. Information only. RASTA signed the agreement for 2016.

REVIEW TRUCK BID results and award contract. Only one bid received. Rhinelander GM bid \$30,049. Bilogan recommended accepting the bid. Van Raalte moved to accept, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

LAND SURVEY. T36N-R9E, SEC. 5 AND OTHER SECTIONS AS NEEDED, IN COOPERATION WITH COUNTY SURVEYOR AND LAND INFORMATION OFFICE. Bilogan requested a formal motion to permit a survey of an area of the proposed ATV trail where it abuts with a private owner. Mott moved to approve, Rudolph seconded. All aye, motion carried.

LAND SALE PROPOSAL. Offer to sell received from Meteor Timber. The land has been heavily cut and Bilogan felt \$2000/acre was high, as a volume discount should reduce the amount per acre. The committee is interested in getting more information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Guy Hansen said that RASTA has been using their grant money to improve trails and signage for bikes and snowshoeing.

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers totaled \$74,304.18 were approved by the committee. Rudolph moved to approve, Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- Sugar Camp and Meteor Land
- DNR Access Agreement
- Log splitter
- Prevention of truck damage on the County Forest

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Van Raalte, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY