

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

**DATE:** January 6, 2016

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

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

**OTHERS:** Gary Zimmer, WCFA; Scott Holewinski, Town of Sugar Camp; Guy Hanson, RASTA

**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 Zunker, 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 December 2, 2015 FLR Committee meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

### **FOREST MANAGEMENT**

- a) Stumpage revenue report - \$1,694,384.60 and estimates eclipsing last years' total.
- b) December Timber Sale (Advertised) – Van Raalte moved to award the contract to Gladwin Logging. Zunker seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c) Student Archeology Project update. Corp Counsel recommends that any artifact donation be approved by full County Board .

### **2016 RASTA BUDGET**

Bilogan wants to clarify the process when there is leftover money at the end of the year. He expects next year there will be a significant balance since there is so little snow this winter. Historically, the committee has allowed RASTA to use any funds for trail development. He feels that it is better to think about it now, rather than at the end of the year. Hanson stated that the money is always used to enhance the trail system on the County Forest. He mentioned the two wet areas in Washburn and Cassian that could be addressed. Bilogan agreed, but feels that the amount could be significantly more than in the past. The Committee agreed to tackle the issue at the end of the year.

### **2016 ANNUAL WORK PLAN & ASSOCIATED RESOLUTION**

Bilogan presented the plan and associated resolution for approval to present to County Board. There were several minor corrections requested. Rudolph moved to accept the plan with the revisions and forward it along with the resolution to the County Board as a consent agenda item; Zunker seconded. All aye.

### **LAND ISSUES:**

- a) Update on existing Knowles-Nelson Stewardship land acquisition grants. Bilogan reported that he is still waiting for the DNR's evaluations and approval. He wants to wait for the results before attempting to make offers, in case the appraisals come back less than anticipated.
- b) Langlois appraisal, T37N R4E, Sec. 29 SWNW. It came in at \$56,000 and assessed at \$69,000. Bilogan added that Land Info had finally corrected the parcel lines and Sorensen asked that Bilogan check with the appraiser to see what that adjustment would mean to this appraisal. He will bring it back to the committee next month.

- c) Meteor land sale proposal, T38N R10E, portions of Sec. 5-6-7-8-17-18. Bilogan estimates the timber revenue from these parcels would pay off the land in 37 years. The committee discussed the pros and cons of purchasing the land. Holewinski stated that the Town of Sugar Camp was not in favor, as they could get a better return from private taxpayers. Rudolph moved to drop the consideration of purchase. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

### **GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY**

Gary Zimmer explained that most of the work is being done by DNR, but will be done by contractors next year. The two counties participating are using existing staff. Rudolph stated that the bottom line of this program is to increase the allowable cut on the national forest. Sorensen asked Bilogan for his thoughts. Bilogan stated that if Oneida County was to participate without a staff increase, LTE's etc. it would put the department behind. Sorensen asked to have the GNA on the agenda next year, so Bilogan would have some time to consider whether Forestry would be able to participate.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Good Neighbor Authority  
Langlois parcel  
Annual Long Range Plan

### **VOUCHERS**

Vouchers were presented in the amount of \$92,107.98; Rudolph moved to pay as presented. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION** Rudolph moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Annual Performance Evaluation of Forestry Director.) Seconded by Van Raalte. A roll call vote was taken, all aye. Meeting moved to closed session.

Committee returned to open session. A motion was made by Rudolph, seconded by Zunker to approve the 2016 goals established for the Oneida County Forest Director. All aye. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Van Raalte, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

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Jack Sorensen, Chair

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Jill Bradley, Recording Secretary