

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: July 6, 2016

TIME: 4:00 p.m. Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Sorensen; Committee Members: Mott, Pence, Van Raalte. Zunker was excused.
Forestry Staff: Bilogan, Fiene, Bradley.

OTHERS: Brian Desmond, Corporation 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 amend the minutes of the June 8, 2016 FLR Committee meeting to reflect the gravel bid dollar amount, then approve the minutes. All aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT:

- a) **YEAR-TO-DATE TIMBER STUMPAGE REVENUE REPORT**—
Fiene reported that the YTD stumpage revenue was \$516,420. Low revenue this month due to both weather and the poor market.
- b) **TIMBER SALES FOR DISPOSITION**—Van Raalte moved to close contract 1598 and return the deposit to Tigerton Lumber. Mott seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Closed session: A motion was made by Mott, seconded by Pence and approved by roll call vote to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 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 Lake Bridges

The committee returned to open session. Sorensen reported that the committee had given directions to Corporation Counsel on how to proceed.

SURVEY REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE U.S.G.S T37N R07E S27 SWSW

Van Raalte moved to allow the USGS to perform a geophysical survey in order to map the complex geologic structure of the region and to map the distribution of Paleoproterozoic metasedimentary rocks in the region. Pence seconded. Mott requested the results be forwarded to the committee. All aye, motion carried.

2016 FORESTRY DEPARTMENT EFFICIENCY PLAN & PROGRAM RANKING

Bilogan went over the ranking of the Forestry programs and how the expenditures and revenues were calculated. There was discussion about how the department could increase revenue or make cuts if required. Ideas were parking passes in the parks, increasing campground fees and better enforcement of the trail pass program. Bilogan estimates that

only 50% of trail users purchase the required passes. Van Raalte moved to approve the ranking and accept the report. Mott seconded and noted this report should be updated annually without being directed. All aye, motion carried.

RECREATIONAL TRAIL AD-HOC COMMITTEE

Mott said it was interesting how varied the trails are. There are hiking, equestrian, bicycle, ATV, snowmobile, etc. Although there was disagreement about trail use, the groups were talking to each other. He would like to attend another meeting, and feels that it may be something Oneida County may want to emulate. Sorensen felt the Forestry Committee in Oneida County offers a forum for the groups. Bilogan predicted that a new committee would result in increased requests which would pull time from forestry. He feels Oneida County has minimal dissention between groups. Mott agreed but feels that it would give the groups more information about how to apply for grants, etc. Sorensen moved to allow Mott to attend one more meeting. Van Raalte seconded. All aye, motion carried.

LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Hanson and Langlois parcels have been acquired. Bilogan will proceed to enroll the parcels in CFL and submit the Stewardship reimbursement applications.

Gillette Lake is still in early stages. The one issue needing clarification is who will be responsible for the state-approved appraisal. Bilogan will propose a 50/50 cost share. Additionally, there needs to be documentation of access.

DNR has two 40's for sale in the Town of Lynne. The committee agreed to concentrate on the Gillette Lake parcel at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—

Les Felbab asked about the status of the new road signs for the Enterprise campground.

Guy Hansen felt that someone from Forestry should be checking trail users to be sure they have trail passes.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Status of Campground Road Signs

September 7 Forestry meeting will be at 9:00 a.m.

Burrows Lake closed session

Annual staffing request

Land Acquisition update

Expera proposal for FSC certification

VOUCHERS AND LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Vouchers which totaled \$226,430.14, were presented. Van Raalte moved to approve, Pence seconded. All aye, motion carried.

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

JACK SORENSEN
CHAIR

JILL BRADLEY
RECORDING SECRETARY