

MINUTES OF THE FORESTRY, LAND, & OUTDOOR RECREATION
COMMITTEE MEETING # 1-2010

DATE: January 6, 2010

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Committee Room # 1, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Chair Petroskey; Committee Members Rudolph; Thompson; Baier.
Forestry Staff: Bilogan; Fiene; Eckardt.

EXCUSED: Peters.

OTHERS: Manny Oradei; Ron Eckstein; Les Felbab; Bill Welsh; Guy Hansen;
Tom Wiensch; Brian Desmond; John Potters; Laurie Groskopf; Mike Deutscher;
Pat Harkins; Pete Kairis.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER—At 9:00 a.m. Chair Petroskey 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 Thompson, to approve the current agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2009 FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A MOTION WILL BE MADE, SECONDED, AND ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTES, SECTION 19.85(1)(e), DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION; AND WISCONSIN STATUTES, SECTION 19.85(1)(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: TIMBER THEFT AND LOGGING CONTRACT.—It was moved by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson, to enter into Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Petroskey aye; Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye. Motion carried.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION—It was moved by Baier, seconded by Rudolph, to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Petroskey aye; Thompson aye; Baier aye; Rudolph aye. Motion carried.

FOREST MANAGEMENT & TIMBER SALES:

a) Year-to-Date Timber Stumpage Revenue Report—Fiene distributed the Year-to-Date 2009 Timber Stumpage Revenue Report, noting the amount of \$104,183.27 for December, and the Year-to-Date Amount of \$970,374.66, with more 2009 timber stumpage forthcoming.

b) Timber Sales for Disposition (if necessary)—Contract # 1488 held by Kretz Lumber Co. was closed as satisfactorily completed, and to refund full cash deposit of \$4,873.00, on a motion by Rudolph, seconded by Thompson. Motion carried.

WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PROPOSED RESOLUTION (LAURIE GROSKOPF)—Laurie Groskopf was present to encourage the Committee to prepare a resolution concerning Wisconsin's wolf management plan. Laurie Groskopf also distributed a draft resolution with sample language that other counties have used. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to utilize the proposed resolution with slight language and format changes, direct Bilogan to work with Laurie Groskopf in the resolution preparation, to have the County Clerk electronically send the resolution to the State Legislature, DNR Secretary and Board, and to forward the resolution to the February 16th County Board meeting. Motion carried.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS:

a) Weekend grooming—Bilogan explained that several questions arose concerning grooming of ski trails on weekends. John Potters, County Coordinator, was in attendance to answer questions related to employees working on the weekend and getting overtime pay for working on the weekend. Also if RASTA donates money for the overtime, can the County accept this type of payment for overtime? Can a County employee work as a volunteer? Can a volunteer use County ski trail grooming equipment? Per John Potters, a County employee cannot work as a volunteer; a volunteer could not use County equipment; there is a question if it would be IRS compliant to accept RASTA donated funds for overtime pay to County employees. John Potters stated that a County employee can be directed to work on the weekend and be paid overtime. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to direct County Staff to look into options for weekend ski trail grooming with overtime pay, to provide overtime in present budget or if acceptable to utilize RASTA donated funds, and to grant Chair Petroskey authority to move forward as soon as possible if weekend ski trail grooming becomes a necessity. Motion carried.

b) Request to purchase a second track setter—It was moved by Petroskey, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the Forestry Department's request to purchase a second track setter. Motion carried.

c) ABR Trail Groom Seminar—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve staff attendance of the ski trail grooming clinic in Ironwood, MI on January 20 and 21, 2010. Motion carried.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ADMINISTRATION:

a) Tomahawk River Snowmobile Bridge Contract—Bilogan reiterated Janke Contractors, Inc. had completed the majority of the project, and accordingly were given a reimbursement equaling 75% of the total contract value, but that several items need to be addressed by the contractor before the project can be deemed completed. It was moved by Baier, seconded by Thompson, to reimburse Janke Contractors, Inc. \$13,500.00 and have Janke Contractors, Inc. have their engineering company visit the snowmobile bridge site and correct problems if problems exist, and have Janke Contractors, Inc. report back with the engineers findings at / by the next Forestry Committee meeting (February 4, 2010). Motion carried.

b) Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-route—Bilogan stated that he had been in contact with County Highway Department Commissioner, Nick Scholtes, and would be attending a meeting with the Oneida County Highway Committee concerning the Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-route.

2010 GOAL ACTION PLAN (REVIEW & APPROVAL)—Bilogan distributed the Forestry Department's 2009 Action Plan Goals & Accomplishments along with the 2010 Goal Action Plan / Progress Report. It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the 2010 Goal Action Plan and Progress Report. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS & BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR PAYMENT, & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS (IF NECESSARY)—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve the following vouchers and blanket purchase orders for payment: Lakeland Landscaping \$2,150.00; John Bilogan expense voucher \$13.75; Bill Kenealy expense voucher \$249.98; Carquest \$106.19; Greg's Small Engine Repair \$33.25; Ron Hallstrom Sports \$71.98; Press Express \$989.00; Rent A Flash \$479.81; WDNR \$457.79; Oneida Co. Snowmobile Council \$26,988.66; Janke Contractors, Inc. \$13,500.00; Oneida Co. Highway Dept. \$670.38; Auto Value \$40.50; CIB \$140.63; Shoeder's RV & Marine \$55.98; Forestry Suppliers \$499.90; Viking Electric \$76.13; Bill Breivogel (personal expense voucher 2010) \$219.94; WCFA (2010 dues) \$4871.84; Kretz Lumber Co. (deposit refund) \$4873.00; Culligan Water Conditioning \$65.75; Airgas \$20.40; Fastenal Co. \$14.36; Frontier \$42.00; Wisconsin Public Service \$454.83 + \$38.96; Oneida Co. Solid Waste Dept. \$12.76; Lakeland Hardware \$191.67 + \$20.72; Verizon Wireless \$79.58; Menard's \$15.93; Pomp's Tire Service \$530.52; Wal Mart \$41.70. Motion carried.

Line item transfers—It was moved by Thompson, seconded by Rudolph, to approve end of year 2009 line item transfers, a copy of which has been attached hereto and made part of these minutes. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORESTRY COMMITTEE MEETING(S)—
February Forestry Committee changed to Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 9:00
a.m. Agenda items: Closed Session Update; Hwy. J Snowmobile Trail Re-Route
Update; Janke Contractors, Inc. Tomahawk River Snowmobile Bridge Update;
Weekend Grooming Overtime Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS—None.

ADJOURNMENT—With business completed, it was moved by Rudolph,
seconded by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Motion Carried.

WILBUR PETROSKEY
CHAIR

CINDY ECKARDT
RECORDING SECRETARY